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- PREF BEING RELAYED ADDRESSEES IS REPORT 31 OCT ANNOUNCEMENT
 BY GENERAL PINOCHET DECLARING FREEDOM OF PRESS IN CHILE. SUGGEST
 RATHER THAN REPLAYING EL MERCURIO ARTICLE TRANSCRIBED IN REF YOU USE
 THAT MERELY AS BASIS FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT. PINOCHET'S STATEMENT PUTS
 EMPHASIS ON CONTENTION THAT PRESS COENSORSHIP BHAS NOT EXISTED IN
 CHILE UNDER JUNTA NOR DOES IT NOW. THAT ARGUMENT UNFORTUNATELY WILL
 HAVE LITTLE CREDIBILITY OUTSIDE CHILE SO RECOMMEND EDITORIAL COMMENT
 EMPHASIZE THESE POINTS: Y
- A. CHILEAN PRESIDENT HAS DECLARED THERE WILL BE NO PRIOR CENSORSHIP IN CHILE. Y
- B. PINOCHET DECLARED THAT JUNTA IS WAIVING PRIOR CENSORSHIP OF PRESS DESPITE FACT THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES IN CHILE. Y
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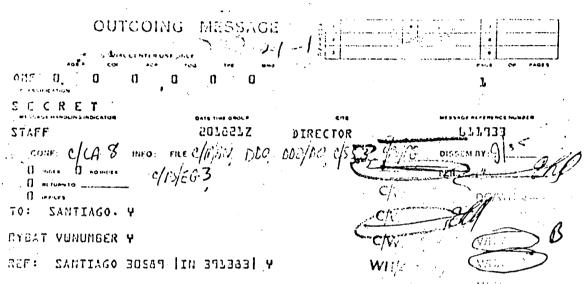
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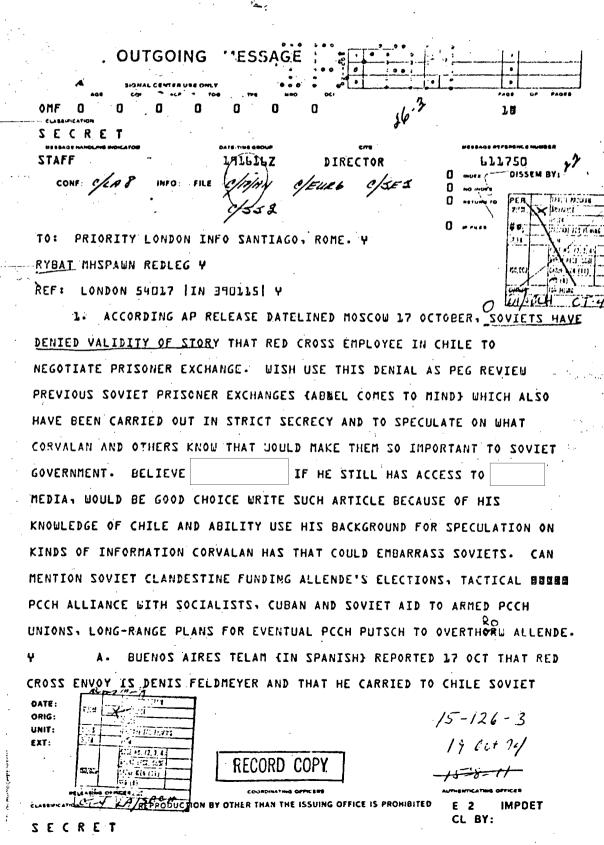
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UNION'S ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY JUNTA WHEREBY THE SOVIET UNION MUST FREE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AS FREED BY CHILE. WHEN BRUND DOPPLER, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE IN CHILE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT FELDMEYER'S MISSION, HE DENIED THAT HE WAS ON THAT TYPE OF MISSION. BUT LATER WHEN ASKED WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT FELDMEYER CARRIED WITH HIM THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE, HE ANSWERED, "THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. IT IS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES ARE THE OBNES TO CONFIRM IT."

B. AP. HOSCOW 17 OCTOBER: "THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED AS B'A FORGERY" A CHILEAN NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS APPARENTLY WILLING TO RELEASE SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS IN RETURN FOR RELEASE OF IMPRISONED LEFTISTS IN CHILE. Y

"SERGEI BULANTSEV, A COMMENTATOR FOR THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY
TASS BSAID THURSDAY THE LA SEGUNDA STORY HAD BEEN 'CONCOCTED' BY
FASCIST-MINDED GENERALS' WHO SEEK TO DIVERT WORBLD ATTENTION FROM THE
ATROCITIES AND ARBITRARINESS THERE.' Y

"GEN. AUGUSTO PINOCHET, CHIEF OF STATE OF CHILE, SAID CHILE
WOULD LIBERATE RELEASE ALL ITS PRISONERS IF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA .

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AGREED TO LIBERATE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF THEIR PRISONERS. Y

"DESPITE DOCUMENTED CHARGES BY INTERNATIONAL AGROUPS AND DISSIDENTS WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION THAT PERSONS ARE PREOSECUTED HERE FOR THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS, MOSCOW INSISTS THAT THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISCHERS IN THE SOVIET UNION." Y

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1. REUTERS STORY DATELINED SANTIAGO IN 17 OCTOBER "TIMES"

IS HEADLINED "RUSSIA RESPONDING TO CHILE CALL TO FREE PRISONERS."

HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARING TO RELEASE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TOP POLITICAL PRISONERS IN RESPONSE TO A CHALLENGE BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA, INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

FROM GENEVA WITH A LIST OF 100 CHILEAN PRISONERS THE RUSSIANS WANT RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FREEDOM GIVEN TO ITS OWN DETAINEES. THE SOURCES SAID. THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL OF THE REPORT FROM EIGHTHER GOVERNMENT OF RED CROSS OFFICIALS."

ARTICLE RECOUNTS PINOCHET CHALLENGE TO MOSCOW AND HAVANA AND

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POINTS OUT CHILE HAS SINCE FREED MORE THAN 300 DETAINEES WITH MUNTIL NOW, NO APPARENT RESPONSE. M. ALSO ADDS LUIS CORVALEN LEADS THE KREMLIN LIST.

ABOVE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) COULD BE INDUCED TO TAKE UP ISSUE. AS NOTED REF AI HAS VERY PRESCRIBED APPROACHES AND TECHNIQUES WHICH IT USES TO HANDLE, VIA A CHAIN OF IDIVIDUAL SPONSORS INDIVIDUAL CASES. WHILE THEY MAY OCCASIONALLY USE PUBLICITY IF ALL ELSE FAILS THEY BASICALLY REGARD IT AS A DISTINCT INHIBITION TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR BEHIND THE SCENES PERSON TO PERSON TECHNIQUE. AI'S POSITION ON THE CHILEAN CHALLENGE WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE NEGATIVELY INFLUENCED BY ITS HAVING ONLY VERY RECENTLY ACCEPTED A MOSCOW CHAPTER DESPITE THE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF SOME OF ITS NEY LEADERS.

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VOTED IN NEW AND TO SOME EXTENT UNTRIED MEMBERSHIP. ALTHOUGH NEW COMPUSITON COMMITTEE MAY IN LONG RUN BE LESS INCLINED TO AVOID ACTION WHICH PUTS PRESSURE ON SOVIETS. SUCH ISSUES PRESENTLY ALL THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL WITHIN AL IN VIEW NEWNESS COMMITTEE AND NOT LIKELY RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTENTION UNTIL COMMITTEE SHAKES DOWN. WILL ADVISE DEVELOPMENTS.

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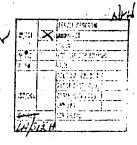
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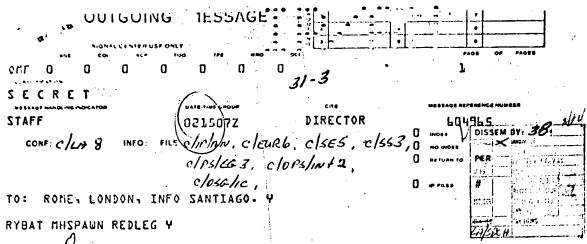
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BKHERALD HAVE BEEN ORCHESTRATED TO DRAMATIC PROPORTIONS. HQS BELIEVES EFFECTIVE EXPLOITATION OF GENERAL PINOCHET'S OFFER TO EXCHANGE A NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SOVIET AND/OR CUBAN PRISONERS IS OPPORTUNITY TO BLUNT HOSTILE PROPAGANDA. IF THE USSR AND CHILE CAN BE LUMPED TOGETHER IN POPULAR MIND AS EACH HAVING POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE SITUATION CAN BE EXPLOITED TO DIVERT SOME OF ATTENTION FROM JUNTA'S SUPPOSED MISDEEDS TO SOVIET HANDLING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. A REPORT FROM A SENSITIVE SOURCE INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE PRESSURES THAT COUBLD DEVELOP FROM THE OFFER. 4

PROBABLY BECAUSE OF CHILE'S EXTREME UNPOPULARITY AND THE LACK OF BOTH A NEUTRAL SPONSOR AND SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY. EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE OFFER TO RELEASE IMPORTANT CHILEAN

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COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST LEADERS, WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE OTHER HALF OF THE EXCHANGE. LEFTISTS OF NUMEROUS SHADES INCLUDING THE BERTRAND RUSSELL GROUPS SHOULD ALSO FAVOR THE RELEASE OF THESE PRISONERS, YET BE LESS TROUBLED BY THE DISCOMFITURE OF THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. SECOND, THE OFFER IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUPS LIKE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO BRING DIRECT PRESURE ON THE USSR TO RELEASE SOME PROMINENT INTELLECTUAL PRISONERS. FINALLY, THE OFFER SHOULD ATTRACT SOME HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FROM THOSE UHO FAVOR RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS BON PRINCIPLE. IN FACT, PROPERLY DEVELOPED, THE EXCHANGE IS POTENTIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO ALMOST THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. Y

3. EXCEPT ROME APPROACH DEFLOWER TO SEE WHETHER HE CAN GET HIS
GROUP INTERESTED IN TAKING PRACTICAL STEPS TO GET PRISONERS RELEASED
FROM CHILEAN JUNTAN PERHAPS IF HE CAN PICTURE HIMSELF AS SAVING THE
PRISONERS (COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST LEADERS IN CHILE AND IMPORTANT
INTELLECTUALS IN THE USSR) FROM A EMFASCIST REGIME ON THE ONE EHAND
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- 1. RECOMMEND YOU CONSIDER ENLISTING SUITABLE VUNUMBER ASSET TO PERSUADE JUNTA TO RELAX ITS RESTRICTIONS ON FREE PRESS. OBJECTIVES OF SUCH MOVE WOULD BE THESE: Y
- A. DEMONSTRATE TO WORLD THAT PINGCHET GOVT FIRMLY IN POWER IN CHILE AND THAT IT FUNCTIONS MOW WITH AT LEAST TACLE CONSENT OF HAJORITY OF CHILEAUS?
- B. GIVE SUBESTANTIAL DEMONSTRATION OF JUNTA'S CONMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND THEREBY DEFUSE ONE OF MORE EXPLISAIVE GRIEVANCES OF WORLD PRESS AGAINST CHILE REGINE. Y
- REF. SUGGEST CHILEAN HOVE IN RESPONSE TO THIS INFLUENCE SHOULS NOT FOLLOW UPON CRITICISM EDANATING FROM CUBAN DOMINATED JOURNALISTS COFFERENCE IN CARACAS. GESTURE, IF ADDRESSED TO ANYONE, SHOULD BE MADE TO IARA TO EMBANCE INTERNATIONABLE PRESTICE THEAT RESERVED CONSANIZATION AND THEREES TO REINFOLGS ITS TO SELECT HOSTILE

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UNDER ALLENDE WHICH APPEARED IN LOS ANGELES TIMES ON 27 SEPT

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OF INFLUENCE FOR BACKGROUND. NOTE FIRST FIVE PARAGRAPHS ARE

MERELY REHASH ALLEGED CIA COVERT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PRESS

AND PARTIES IN OPPOSITION TO ALLENDE REGIME. THEIR

REITERATION NOT PARTICULARLY WORTHWHILE IN THIS CONTEXT.

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT REACTION THIS DATE WHEN

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ENFRENTAMIENTO CHILENO, LOS ATAQUES LANZADOS POR LA UNIDAD POPULAR CONTRA SUS ENEMIGOS EN LA POLITICA Y EN LOS MEDIOS DE DIFUSION RARAS VECES SE LLEVARON A CABO FRONTAL O ABIERTAMENTE. CASI SIEMPRE FUERON DE CARACTER ECONOMICO. Y EN LO TOCANTE A LOS MEDIOS INFORMATIVOS. CASI NUNCA SE LLEGO, POR EJEMPLO, AL EXTREMO DE LA CENSURA DIRECTA. Y

LA PRENSA OPOSICIONISTA PUDO ESCRIBIR Y DECIR LO QUE LE PARECIO DURANTE LOS CASI TRES ANOS QUE EL ALLENDISMO SE MANTUVO EN EL PODER. LA DUDA SIEMPRE FUE SI DICHOS MEDIOS LOGRARIAN O NO SOBREVIVIR ECONOMICAMENTE Y SEGUIR MANIFESTANDO SU CRITERIO. Y

SOLO TRES MESES DESPUES DE HABER ASUMIDO ALLENDE LA PRESIDENCIA,

LA PRENSA ESCRITA OBTUVO UN PRESAGIO DE LO QUE PODRIA SUCEDERLE AL

MONOPOLIZAR EL GOBIERNO LA IMPRESION DE REVISTAS Y LIBROS EN EL PAIS.

ESTO SE CONSUMO MEDIANTE LA ADQUISICION DE UNA FIRMA EDITORBIAL QUE

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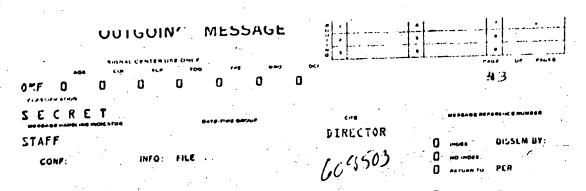
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LES INDICARON QUE EFECTUARAN REBAJAS EN SU PERSONAL INFORMATIVO PARA
DARLES CABIDA A LOS PERIODISTAS MARXISTAS DESIGNADOS POR EL PARTIDO,
SO PENA DE PERDER MAS TARDE SUS LICENCIAS PARA TRANSMITIR. Y

FERULA ALLENDISTA, LAS ENTIDADES ESTATALES-- Y LAS INDUSTRIAS PRIVADAS, A MEDIDA QUE IDAN CAYENDO EN MANOS DEL GOBIERNO-- LE DABAN PUBLICIDAD UNICAMENTE A AQUELLOS MEDIOS INFORMATIVOS QUE PERTENECIAN A LA UNIDAD POPULAR BO QUE APOYABAN AL REGIMEN. ENTRE ESTOS FIGURABABN, EN EL MOMENTO DE DESPLOMARSE EL ALLENDISMO, APROXIMADA-MENTE LA MITAD DE LAS RADIGEMISORAS DEL PAÍS (UNA DE LAS CUALES, LA MAYOR, ERA PROPIEDAD DE SALVADOR ALLENDE) Y CINCO DE LOS ONCE PERIODICOS DIARIOS QUE SE PUBLICABAN EN ESTA CAPITAL. Y

LA TELEVISION COMERCIAL CHILENNA ESTA TOTALMENTE SOSTENBIDA POR EL ESTADO O POR EL SECTOR UNIVERSITARIO, DE MODO QUE NO DEPENDE POR COMPLETO DE LA PUBLICIDAD PARA SUBSISTIR. POR ANADIDURA, DURANTE UNA DATE:

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GRAN PARTE DE LA GESTION PRESIDENCIAL DE ALLENDE CASI TODA LA TELE-VISION DE CHILE ESTABA CONTROLADA POR LOS MARXISTAS O POR SUS SIMPATIZANTES. ESTA SITUACION CAMBIO SOLO CUANDO LA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE SANTIAGO LE ARRANSCO EL DOMINIO DE SU CANAL DE TV A LOS ALLENDISTAS Y SE UNIO A LA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE VALPARAISO EN UN ESFUERZO POR LLEVARLE UNA PROGRAMACION NO-MARXISTA A TODA LA CIUDADANIA, UTILIZANDO ESTACIONES DE RELEVO DE MICROONDA DE ELABORACION CASERA. TRUNFARON EN ESTE EMPENO EN UNA MEDIDA ASOMBROSA MIENTRAS SALVABAN LOS OBSTACULOS DE TODO TIPO, AUN FISICOS, QUE EL REGIMEN LES INTERPONIA PARA IMPEDIRSELO. Y

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EL MERCURIO, EL PERIODICO MAS GRANDE DEL PAIS, HABIA PERDIDO EL SESENTA PORCIENTO DE SU VOLUMEN PUBLICITARIO NORMAL A MEDIADOS DE 1971, Y CUALQUIER ESTACION RADIAL CORRIENTE, NO AFILIADA A LA UNIDAD POPULAR, PROMEDIABA UN OCHENTA PEORCIENTO DE PERDIDAS SEMEJANTES. Y

ESTA EROSION PUBLICITARIA CONTINUO HACIENDO ESTRAGOS A MEDIDA QUE LAS PEQUENAS EMPRESAS INDEPENDIENTES FUERON SUSPENDIENDO SUS ANUNCIOS AL IRSE AGOTANDO SUS EXISTENCIAS DE MERCANCIAS O AL SOBREPASAR POR MUCHO LA DEMANDA A LOS ABSTECIMIENTOS DISPONSIBLES.

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Y A LO LARGO DE TODO ESTE PERIODO ELEVABANSE CONJUNTAMENTE LOS COSTOS DE PUBLICACION Y TRANSMISION, IMPELIDOS POR LA INFLACION DE DOS CIFRAS QUE ARRASABA AL PAIS Y QUE ASCENDIO A TRES A PARTIR DE 1972. Y

LAS AUTORIDADES GUBERNAMENTALES NEGABAN ENTRETANTO TODAS LAS
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DE REEMPLAZO PARA LAS PLANTAS QUE SE DETERIORABAN, Y EN EL CASO DE LAS
RADIOEMISORAS, DE ELEMENTOS TAN ESENCIALES COMO SON LAS UNIDADES
GRABADORAS Y LAS CINTAS MAGNETOFONICAS. Y

EN CUANTO A EL MERCURIO Y A MUCHAS ESTACIONES DE RADIO, LOS
SINDICATOS MANEJADOS POR LA UNIDAD POPULAR TRATABAN DE INVENTAR
PRETEXTOS PARA QUE EL GOBIERNO PROCEDIERA A ADUENARSE DE SUS EMPRESAS
RECTORAS. LA DE EL MERCURIO, QUE PUBLICA TRES ROTATIVOS DIARIOS EN
ESTA CAPITAL Y OTROS CINCO EN DISTINTAS PARTES DE LA NACION, FUE
OBJETO DE INVESTIGACIONES FISCALES, DE ACUSACIONES DE NEGOCIAR
ILEGALMENTE EN DIVISAS Y DE INSULTOS PERSONALMENTE LANZADOS CONTRA
ELLA POR ALLENDE. Y

PERO EL ESFUERZO MAS VIGOROSO QUE REALIZARA EL REGIMEN PARA
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INCESANTES TENTATIVAS DE APODERARSE DE LA UNICA ENTIDAD PAPELERA INDEPENDIENTE, PREOVEEDORA DE PAPEL PERIODICO PARA TODAS LAS PUBLICACIONES NO PERTENECIENTES A LA UNIDAD POPULAR, ASI COMO TAMBIEN PARA LAS QUE SEGUIAN LOS DICTAMENES DE LA COALICION GOBERNANTE. Y

EL GOBIERNO TRATO PRIMERO DE ADQUIRIR LA MAYORIA DE LAS ACCIONES DE LA EMPRESA, COMPRANDOSELAS A SUS 16,000 ACCIONISTAS. LUEGO INTENTO PERSUADIR AL CONGRESO PARA QUE/STABLECIERA UN MONOPOLIO FSTATAL SOBRE EL PAPEBL PERIODICO, Y FINALMENTE ENSAYO LA ELABORACION DE UN PRETEXTO PARA DECRETAR LA EXPROPIACION DE LA COMPANIA, TACTICA QUE HABIA FUNCIONADO CON OTRAS INMUSTRIAS. Y

UNA VEZ FRACASADAS TODAS ESTAS INICIATIVAS, EMPRENDIOSE LA DEL ASEDIO ECONOMICO. NO SE MITIGARON LOS CONTROLES DE PRECIOS IMPUESTOS A LOS ARTICULOS DE PAPEL PARA MANTENER EL EQUILIBRIO ALTERADO POR EL ALZA DE LOS COSTOS DE PRODUCCION. ELLO HIZO QUE LA FIRMA PAPELERA DECLARA UNA PERDIDA DE 9,100,000 DOLARES DURANTE LOS DOCE MESES QUE FINALIZARON EL 30 DE JUNIO DE 1972, PERDIDAS QUE AUMENTARON A UN RITMO DE 120,000 DOLARES DIARIOS MAS TAREDE EN ESE MISMO ANO. Y SEGUN MANIEFESTARON LOS SINDICATOS DE LA PROPIA EMPRESA, LA

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AUTORIZACION PARAB SUBIR LOS PRECIOS CONCEDIDA POR EL REGIMEN EN OCTUBRE DE 1972 PROPORCIONO MENOS DE LA MITAD DEL ALIVIO ECONOMICO QUE SE NECESITABA. Y

POR OTRA PARTE, AL COMENZAR EL ANO 1972, LA SITUACION DE LAS ESTACIONES DE RADIO NO-ALLENDISTAS ERA DESEPERADA. DOS VECES DURANTE ESE ANO EL CONGRESO APROBO UN IMPUESTO ESPECIAL PARA AYUDAR A COSTEAR TODAS LAS EMISORAS, VETANDO AMBAS INICIATIVAS EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA. Y

EN SEPTIENBRE, DESPUES DEL SEGUNDO DE ERSTOS VETOS, PARECIA QUE LAS CUATRO ESTACIONES MAS IMPORTANTES DE ESTA CAPITAL NO ADSCRITAS A LA UNIDAD DPOPULAR SUCUMBIRIAN. NO OBSTANTE ESTO, SOBREVIVIERON Y FORMARON PARTE DE UNA RED VOLUNTARIA DE EMISORAS APODADA "CADENA DEMOCRATICA," LA CUAL LE BRINDO A LA OPOSICION ABIITIALLENDIBSTA UNA TRIBUNA DE EXPRESION PARA COMPETIR CON EL FRENTE DE ESTACIONES ORGANIZADO SIMILARMENTE POR LA UNIDAD POPULAR A TRAVES DE TODA LA NACION. Y

SALVARONSE IGUALMENTE LA EMPRESA PAPELERA INDEPENDIENTE Y EL MERCURIO. TAMBIEN ESCAPARON CON VIDA EL DIARIO LA PRENSA.

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ADQUIRIDO POR INTERESES DEMOCRATACRISTIANOS DESPUES DE LA ELBECCION

DE ALLENDE PERO ANTES DE SU TOMA DE POSESION, Y EL ROTATIVO TRIBUNA,

FUNDADO POR EL PARTIDO NACIONAL EN LOS COMIENZOS DE LA PRESIDENCIA

ALLENDISTA. ES DE PRESUMIRSE QUE AMBOS ORGANOS OBTUVIERAN RESPALDO

ECONOMICO DE SUS PARTIDOS RESPECTIVOS O A TRAVES DE ELLOS, YA QUE

NINGUNO DE LOS DOS PUBLICABA MUCHOS ANUNCIOS. (TANTO LA PRENSA COMO

TRIBUNA FUERON CLAUSURADOS POR LA JUNTA QUE DESALOJO DEL PODER A

ALLENDE, COMO PARTE DE SU DECISION DE DECLARAR EN "RECESO" A LA

POLITICA.) Y

LA UNIDAD PCPULAR EMPLEO TAMBIEN LAS TECNICAS DE HOSTIGAMIENTO

ECONOMICO Y DE DIVIDIR PARA CONQUISTAR CONTRA LOS PARTIDOS POLÍTICOS

DE OPOSICION, DIEZMANDO CON ESTA ULTIMA TECTICA AL TRADICIONAL

PARTIDO RADICAL CHILENO, Y ESFORZANDOSE POR HACER IOZOBRAR AL PARTIDO

NACIONAL, DE TENDENCIA DERECHISTA, DESTRUYENDO EL PODERIO ECONOMICO

DE SUS ELEMENTOS PRINCIPALES. Y

COMO EN CHILE LA LEY NO EXIGE QUE SE DE CUENTA DEL APOYO

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EN LA ESFERA POLITICA, EL OBJETIVO PRIMORDIAL DE LA UNIDAD POPULAR ERBA EL PARTIDO DOMOCRATBA-CRISTIANO, EL MAS GRANDE DE TODOS LOS PARTIDOS POLÍTICOS DE LA NACION. DE LAS SEIS AGRUPACIONES INTEGRANTES DE LA UNIDAD POPULAR, LOS CUMUNISTAS SOBRE TODO SE PERCATARON DE LO ESENCIAL QUE RESULTABA PARA ESTABILIZAR AL GOBIERMO MINORITARIO DE ESA COALICION GANARSE EL APOYO DE LA DEMOCRACIA CRISTIANA, O SI NO DIVIDIRLA. Y

PERO A NO SER POR LA PEQUENA FRAGMENTACION OCURRIDA POCOS DIAS DESPUES DE LAS ELECCIONES PRESIDENCIALES DE 1970, LOS DEMOCRATACRISTIANOS MANTUVIERON INTACTA SU UNIDAD, EVOLUCIONANDO GRADUALMENTE DE UNA POSICION DE ADVERSARIOS LBEALES DEL GOBIERNO A OTRA DE 1888 OPOSICION IRREDUCTIBLE. Y

TRATAHDO DE RESCATAR A BALLENDE, CUYO PROPIO PARTIDO SOCIALISTA,
DE FILIACION MARXISTA, REPRESENTABA EL MAS NUTRIDO DE LOS ELEMENTOS
IRRACIONALES QUE CONFORMABAN LA UNIDAD POPULAR, LOS COMUNISTAS
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MAS ERA YA DEMASIADO TARDE. HACIA MUCHO TIEMPO QUE SALVADOR
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DETERMINARA SU ELECCION A LA PRIMERA MAGISTRATURA. Y AL CONFESARLE
CINICAMENTE AL INTELECTUAL SOCIALISTA FRANCES REGIS DEBRAY EN UNA
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FORMER LEADER MZHAVANADZE, WHO WAS TOPPLED IN SEPTEMBER 1972 AMID CHARGES OF WHOLESALE CORRUPTION AND GRAFT THAT CHARACTERIZED HIS RULE...ALTHOUGH THERE WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT THIS TYPE OF INVESTIGATIONS, HIGHER PARTY OFFICIALS WOULD NOT PERMIT IT."Y

2. EAST GERMANS REAFFIRM SEPARATION FROM WEST ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY. JOHN GOSHKO WRITES IN "WASHINGTON POST" OF & OCTOBER THAT.

EAST GERMANY'S "NEW SENSE OF ASSERTIVENESS" WAS DEMONSTRATED ON

7 OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF STATE BY LARGEST PARADE EVER

STAGED BY EAST GERMAN PEOPLE'S ARMY: "THOUSANDS OF JACK-BOOTED

TROBBOPS MADE STREETS OF EAST BERLIN ECHO TO THUD OF TRADITIONAL

PRUSSIAN GOOSE STEP...SEEMINGLY ENDLESS WAVE OF SOLDIERS IN

RIGIDLY DISCIPLINED RANKS...HOLDING OF PARADE IN EAST BERLIN

CONSTITUTED DEFIANCE OF FOUR-POWER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF

BERLIN...IN PROTEST. L2 NATO NATIONS WHICH RECOGNIZE EAST GERMANY.

REFUSED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CELEBRATIONS IN EAST BERLIN...

EAST GERMAN STANDARD OF LIVING TO SOVIET BLOC...

EAST GERMANY...DESPITE LIVING STANDARDS EAST GERMANY IS REPRESENTED IN

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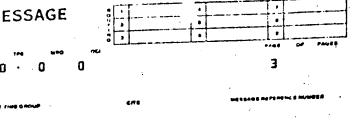
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MANY WAYS THAN SOVIET UNION ITSELF...EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OWES ITS PRESENT SUCCESS TO BERLIN WALL AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF WALL ALONG ITS 860-MILE BORDER WITH WEST GERMANY."Y

- BEEKLY NEWSPAPER "AKHBAR AL-YOM REPORTS THAT EGYPT HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL ITS ORDER FOR EIGHT RUSSIAN-BUILT TU-154 JET AIRLINERS, CITING "NUMEROUS AND MAJOR DEFECTS" IN AIRCRAFT'S PERFORMANCE THAT JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS. ONE OF PLANES CRASHED IN FLAMES DURING TRAINING FLIGHT 10 JULY, KILLING TWO EGYPTIANS AND FOUR SOVIET CREWMEN. EXACT CAUSE OF ACCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AND OTHER PLANES OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN GROUNDED. NEWSPAPER SHAID EGYPTIAN AVIATION ORGANIZATION WOULD FILE CLAIMS WITH THE SOVIET EXPORT FIRM, "FAVIA", FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF \$7.5 MILLION ALREADY PAID ON THE \$47.5 MILLION DEAL.Y
- 4. NO CUBAN/SOVIET RESPONSE ON SETTING PRISONERS FREE. NEUE

 ZUERCHER ZEITUNG CARRIED AFP REPORT FROM SANTIAGO, 24 SEPTEMBER, THAT

 GENERAL PINOCHET, CHIEF OF CHILBEAN JUNTA, HAD SAID NEITHER CUBA NOR

 SOVIET UNION HAD RESPONDED TO CHILEAN CHALLENGE OF D11 SEPTEMBER TO

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RELEASE SAME NUMBER OF PRISONERS AS CHILE WAS RELEASING. PINOCHET ALSO SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CHILEAN EMBASSIES ARE RECEIVING HUNDREDS OF LETTERS DAILY FROM RELATIVES OF SOVIET PRISONERS. AND THAT THESE LETTERS WERE BEING FORWARDED TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. HE ALSO REVEALED HE WOULD RECHEIVE DELEGATION FROM BUENOS AIRES OF. UKRAINIANS—IN-EXILE WHO WOULD GIVE CHILEAN OFFICIALS INFORMATION ON SOME FIFTY UKRAINIANS WHO ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN USSR.Y

S. EDITORIAL IN MEXICO CITY INDEPENDENT DAILY, "LA PRENSA,"

25 SEPTEMBER, ACCUSED KGB OF SPYING AND INTERVENING IN LATIN AMERICAN
AFFAIRS. COMMENTING ON PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT

AGAINST CIA ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA, EDITORIALIST WROTE THAT THE

KGB SHOULD GET OUT OF LATIN AMERICA. "...THAT SINISTER RED POLITICAL

ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS COMMITTED SO MANY DASTARDLY CRIBMES IN OUR

COUNTRY SUCH AS THE ASSASSINATION OF TROTSKY. KGB HAS ESTABLISHED

BOOK PUBLISHERS USED BY THE FASCIST LEFTISTS TO INFILTRATE PARTIES,

MEETINGS AND LITERARY GATHERINGS. KGB USED THE PRESS AND GROUPS OF

ARTISTS, INTELLECTUALS, WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS TO SING THE PRAISES

OF A RED DICTATORSHIP: ...THE KGB SHOULD GET OUT WITH ITS THOUSANDS

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OF SPIES SPREAD THROUGHOUT OUR HEMISPHERE ... " Y

- L. IPU COUNCIL RECOGNIZES SOUTH VIETNAM. TOKYO NEWSPAPERS OF

 2 OCTOBER REPORT EXTENSIVELY ON OPENING OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL

 MEETING AND SAID HEMATED DEBATE TOOK PLACE IN FIRST SESSION OVER

 SEATING OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION. "MAINICHI" STORY SAID SOVIETS

 AND RUMANIANS IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED "QUALIFICATIONS" OF SOUTH

 VIETNAMESE AND DEMANDED THAT LATTER BE EXPELLBED FROM CONFERENCE AND

 THAT PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) BE SEATED IN THEIR

 PLACE. "MAINICHI" SAID THAT ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. AND SOUTH

 VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WAS SELECTED "BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY" TO

 PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. EDITORIAL IN "ASAHI" SAID THAT BITTER

 CONTROVERSIES WOULD ARISE AT THIS SESSION OF IPU. WHICH HAS MORE THAN

 SIXTY NATIONS PARTICIPATING. INCLUDING BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

 BUT THAT "IT IS...SIGNIFICANT IN ITSELF THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS OF

 WORLD EXCHANGE UNRESERVED OPINIONS ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS."Y
- 7. CAMBODIAN MOSLEMS APPEAL FOR HELP AGAINST COMMUNIST ATROCITIES. PHNOM PENH, 27 SEPTEMBER {SAIGON POST}: "TWO MOSLEM ORGANIZATIONS IN CAMBODIA, SPEAKING FOR ALMOST A MILLION KHMER MOSLEMS, HAVE DATE: ORIG: UNIT:

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APPEALED TO ALL ISLAMIC COMMUNITIES TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO CAMBODIA FOR FIRSTHAND VIEW OF THE M'INFERNO' CREATED BY INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS. ACCORDING TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS, WHENEVER COMMUNISTS CAPTURED A VILLAGE, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF MOSLEM FAITH WERE MARCHED TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP AND THEIR HOMES WERE BURNED TO THE GROUND. THE OLD AND WEAK WERE KILLED; THE HEALTHY WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR RELIGION AND WORK FOR THE COMMUNISTS. TO HELP DEFEND THEIR RELIGION AND THEIR ADOPTED COUNTRY AGAINST COMMUNIST DEPREDATIONS, KHMER MOSLEMS ORGANIZED A BRIGADE, NOW PART OF THE CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES, AND MANY MOSLEMS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES ON THE BATTLE FIELD. IN THEIR APPEAL, CAMBODIAN MOSLEMS BEGGED FELLOW MEOSLEMS ALL OVER WORLD TO UNITE IN EFFORT TO COMPEL NORTH VIETNAMESE AND OTHER INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS TO CEASE BLOODSHED IN INDOCHINA."Y

S. IRAN INCENSED BY NORTH KOREAN BEHAVIOR. TEHRAN, 9-12

SEPTEMBER (TEHRAN JOURNAL AND KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL): TWO OF TEHRAN'S

LEADING NEWSPAPERS CARRIED REPORTS ON HOW NORTH KOREAN ROWDYISM HAD

MARRED ASIAN GAMES, AND CRITICIZED THEIR BEHAVIOR. ONE REPORT CARRIED

HEADLINE, "WHENEVER THERE'S TROUBLE, THERE'S A NORTH KOREAN." AFTER

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NORTH KOREAN OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST BOXER LOST BOUT, NORTH KOREAN COACHES, MANAGER AND NEWSMEN ATTACKED INDONESIAN REFEREE, THEN ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH POLICE AT MOHAMMED REZA SHAH STADIUM. RULES COMMITTEE UPHELD DECISION ON BOUT, THEN CENSURED NORTH KOREAN PROTESTERS FOR PUNCHING JUDGES AND BREAKING FURNITURE. SIX TRUCKLOADS OF POLICE WERE NEEDED TO RESTORE ORDER. NORTH KOREAN FENCING AND SOCCER TEAMS REFUSED TO COMPETE AGAINST ISRAELIS, AND BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS REFUSED TO PLAY SOUTH KOREANS. WHEN NORTH KOREA'S VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS DID CONSENT TO TAKE ON SOUTH KOREAN TEAM, NEWSMEN CONCLUDED NORTH KOREANS HAD AGREED ONLY BECAUSE THERE WAS TO BE A NET BETWEEN THEM! MOST SENSATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE CONCERNED NORTH KOREAN WEIGHTLIFTER WHO, STRIPPED OF HIS THREE AWARDS WHEN DRUG TESTS PROVED POSITIVE, OBJECTED VIOLENTLY AND REFUSED TO RETURN GOLD MEDALS. E2 IMPDET.A

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DETAINED IN USSR. LETTER FROM DETAINEE'S WIFE, A CHILEAN CITIZEN

NAMED MARIA ELIANA E. DE PRONIN, WAS GIVEN PROMINENT LOCAL PRESS

COVERAGE SEPT 26. TEXT OF LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN SOMETIMES IRONICAL

TONE, APPEALING TO CADRDINAL'S "NOBLE CHRISTIAN HEART TOWARDS CHILEAN

POLITICAL DETAINEES." CONTINUING, DETAINEEB'S WIFE SAID SHE BELIEVES

AN AUTHORITY SUCH AS THE CARDINAL, "WHO HAS SO MANY TIMES DEFENDED

THE ESTAINEES OF THE LEFT," COULD INFLUENCE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO

RELEASE HER HUSBAND, SAID MARRIED PRONIN IN JANUARY 1968, AND

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- "2. CARDINAL RESPONDED PUBLIC (OCT 1) IN FORM OF LETTER TO CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO," REITERATING HIS INTENTION TO USE ALL HIS STRENGTH TO HELP THOSE WHO SUFFER," REGARDLESS OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS." IN RESPONSE, CARDINAL ASSURED WIFE AND PUBLIC THAT HE WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE ON DETAINEE'S BEHALF, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO RELATIONS WITH USSR AND IS NOT OPTIMISTIC. Y
- 4 3. COMMENT. PRESS COVERAGE OF LETTER EXCHANGE, AND PERHAPS REQUEST ITSELF, IS OBVIOUS CONTINUATION OF PRESS HARASSMENT OF CARDINAL FOR HIS CRITICISM OF GOC HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE, AND FOR HIS SILENCE DURING CHILEAN HUE AND CRY OVER HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN USSR AND CUBA. IN HIS RESPONSE, CARDINAL SOFTLY REBUKED CRITICS AND GOC BY STATING, "MOREOVER I BELIEVE IT IS CLEAR TO YOU (EL MERCURIO) THAT THE CARDINAL'S REQUESTS TO AUTHORITIES, EVENTHOSE WITH MORE INTINATE TIES TO HIM. ARE NOT ALWAYS WELL RECEIVED." Y
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CHILEAN CAMPAIGNT EL MERCURIO OF 16 SEPTEMBER DESCRIBES

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SENATOR KENNEDY. EL MERCURIO OUTLINES OBJECTIVES OF

HARRINGTON REVELATIONS AS: A) TO GIVE AMMUNITION TO THE

POLITICAL INTERESTS OF (SENATOR) KENNEDY; 3) TO CONTINUE THE

ANTI-CHILEAN CAMPAIGN WHICH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISH HEADS

AND HAS GREATLY INFILTRATED THE ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL

CIRCLES SUPPORTING KENNEDY; C) DIRECT FIRE AT THE CHILEAN DAILY

WHOSE PUBLICATIONS AND OPINIONS SEEM TO HAVE THE STRONGEST

2. EL MERCURIO FURTHER COMMENTS THAT HARRINGTON ATTACK IS
AN ATTEMP! TO IMPEDE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHILE (SIC)
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THE CHILEAN PEOPLE WHILE THE GRANERIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE EMPTIED FOR RUSSIA."

3. AFTER TOUCHING SEVERAL OTHER BASES, EL MERCURIO CONCLUDES
BY DENYING THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANY "UNCONFESSABLE"
INCOME IN ITS HISTORY. EL MERCURIO'S BOOKS WERE SUBJECT TO MOST
THOROUGH, AND HOSTILE SCRUTINY DURING THE MARXIST REGIME WITHOUT
ANYONE BEING ABLE TO SPECIFY IRREGULARITEIES. THEREFORE, EL
MERCURIO REJECTS "WITH LEGITIMATE DISDAIN THE IRRESPONSIBLE
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FEELS AUTHORIZED TO CONJECTURE THAT THE ATTACK IS THE FRUIT
OF JOURNALISTIC IRRESPONSIBILITY OR OF THE ANIMOSITY OF THE
ADVISORS OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO IS STOPPED SINCE
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OF HIS ACTIONS TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED IN HIS COUNTRY".

4. PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENTS ON CHILE FROM HIS 16 SEPTEMBER NEWS CONFERENCE WERE CARRIED IN FULL BY "EL MERCURIO" UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLING "FORD: U.S. HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FALL OF ALLENDE." THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN "EL MERCURIO" AND NO NEWS OR EDITORIAL COVERAGE OF THE RESIDENJ'S STATEMENT IN "LA TERCERA".

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- MRS. ALLENDE'S ATTACK AGAINST SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS CARRIED IN "LA TERCENA" BUT NOT IN "EL MERCURIO".
- 5. IN TAKING THE EXAGGRATED POSITION IT HAS ON THE REVELTIONS, EL MERCUPIO HAS LEFT ITSELF VULNERABLE TOBEING EMBARRASSED
 AND CONTRADICTED BY STATEMENTS (SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT'S) THAT ARE
 MORE ACCUMATE PRESENTATIONS OF WHAT WENT ON IN CHILE PRE-COUF.
 EL MERCUPIO MAY WELL HAVE TAKE THIS POSITION BECAUSE, BESIDES
 THEIR RIGHT-WING VIEWS, THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT IS GENUINELY
 IGNORANT OF THE FUNDING THAT TOOK PLACE WHEN FUBRIG-2 WAS RUNNING
 THE SHOW. FUBRIG-2 WHO SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO CHILE 18 SEPTEMBER,
 MAS TOLD COS THAT NO ONE CURRENTLY AT EL MERCURIO KNOWS OF FUNDING. EVEN CURRENT MINISTER OF ECONOMY LENIZ DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS
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1. YEL MERCURION OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1974 DEVOTED ENTIRE PAGE 29
TO HARRINGTON REVELATIONS ABOUT CIA FUNDING IN CHILE UNDER
HEADLINE "KENNEDY PLAN AGAINST EL MERCURIO". COVERAGE
INCLUDED COMPLETE TEXT OF HARRINGTON LETTER TO MR. THOMAS
MORGAN AND REPRINTS OF SEYMOUR HERSCH ARTICLE FROM "NEW
YORK TIMES" AND AP DISPATCH FROM "WASHINGTON STAR", LATTER
IDENTIFYING "EL MERCURIO" AS CHILEAN NEWSPAPER ALLEGEDLY
RECEIVING FUNDS FROM CIA. ALSO INCLUDED A 13 SEPTEMBER AP
ITEM DATE LINED WASHINGTON QUOTING DIRECTOR COLBY THAT
"CIA WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE MILITARY COUP".

2. DO NOT KNOW REASONS THE MOTIVATED "EL MERCUHIO"

TO PUBLISH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF HARRINGTON REVELATIONS.

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MERCURIO" ITSELF. THE HEADLINE AND A SHORT EDITORIAL COMMENT INTRODUCING ABOVE COVERAGE DESCRIBES THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS "NEW AND GROTESCUE EPISODE IN THE ANTI-CHILEAN CAMPAIGN" AND ATTEMPTS TO TIE REPRESENTATIVE HARRINGTON CLOSELY TO SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY (WHO HAS SINCE THE COUP BEEN UNDER STEADY ATTACK HERE FOR HIS CRITICISM OF THE MILITARY INTER-VENTION AND SUBSECUENT EVENTS IN CHILE). "EL MERUCIRO" MAKES CONNECTION WITH RECENT REVELATIONS BE REP. HARRINGTON BY "EL MERCURIS" OF AN ARTICLE FROM "MC CALLS" WHICH DEALT WITH CHAPPAQUIDICK IN A MANNER UNFAVORABLE TO SENATOR KENNEDY.

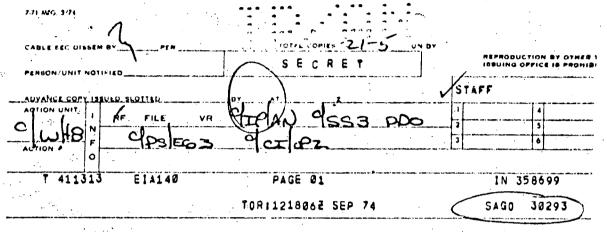
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PUBLICITY WILL INCREASE PRESSURE ON AND POSSIBLY SCRUITINY OF
STATION ASSETS INVOLVED AND MAY AFFECT THOSE NOT DIRECTLY
INVOLVED. ON 13 SEPTEMBER, FUPOCKET-1 WAS QUESTIOND BY
NEWSWEEK REPORTER HERE ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FUNDING.
FUPOCKET-1 DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FUNDING FROM FOREIGN
SQURCES. DETAILS FOLL SEPARATE CASLE.

4. REQUEST HOS KEEP STATION UP-TO-DATE ON ANY PLANS OR CONCRETE ACTIONS TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION OF REVELATIONS.

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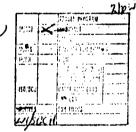


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8. SANTIAGO 30253 (- ~ 354910)



- 1. FOLLOWING STATION AGENTS HERE CONTACTED. PERIOD 8-10 SEPTEMBER. IN CONNECTION WITH REFERENCE REVELATIONS. THEIR COMMENTS AND REACTIONS FOLLOW.
- 2. FUERMINE-1 CONCERNED BUT RELIEVED THAT NO NAMES WERE MENTIONED. COMMENTED THAT TIMING WAS EXCEPTIONALLY BAD SINCE IT COINCIDED EXACTLY WITH EDUARDO FREI'S ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. AND HE WONDERED WHETHER THIS HAD BEEN DELIBERATE. FUERMINE-1 ASKED WHETHER WE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE FURTHER INVESTIGATION OR MEDIA PLAY IN THE U.S. REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT KNOW BUT WOULD KEEP HIM INFORMED. HE IS TRAVELING TO GERMANY ON 22 SEPTEMBER AT INVITATION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INSTITUTE (WEST GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS).

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DOES NOT PLAN TO

RETURNING CHILE VIA NEW YORK AND CHICAGO AND PLANS TO MEET WITH FREI 15 OCTOBER IN NEW YORK. FUERMINE-1 EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE JUNTA HILL NEITHER RAISE THE MATTER WITH EMBASSY NOR PURSUE FURTHER SINCE IT IS NOT IN THEIR INTEREST TO DO SO.

- 2. FUSRIG-2 RECEIVED NEWS CALMLY BUT WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF EFFECTS OF THE REVELATIONS AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE CHANGED FRED TO BENT SUCH LEAKS. HE WAS RELIEVED THAT EL MURCURIO WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME (BUT HE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT IT HILL NOT BE EASILY IDENTIFIED IN ANY SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY). FUBRIG-1 THOUGHT IT QUITE POSSIBLE JUNTA MAY HONDER IF USG STILL NOT IN SOME WAY SUPPORTING PDC, WHICH OF COURSE JUNTA HOULD FIND MOST UNACCEPTABLE.
- 4. FUERMINE-5 ALSO TOOK THE NEWS CALMLY ABOUT REVELATION OF \$9,000 ITEM FOR TRAVEL OF PDC LEADERS. WHILE SMAKING HIS HEAD ABOUT THE LEAKING OF SUCH MATTERS, HE BELIEVES THAT THE REVELATION. UNLESS IT IS MADE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC BY SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLICITY, WILL NOT CAUSE HIM A PROBLEM.

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CONSIDERS THE FAILURE TO IDENTIFY THE DELEGATION AS
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AMERICAN RATHER THAN EUROPEAN CAPITALS WILL LEAD AWAY FROM
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MANDS WERE APPROXIMATELY \$4,000 AT THE THEN LOCAL FREE MARKET
RATE (AS OPPOSED TO STATION SPENDING RATE). HE FEELS THAT THIS
WILL ALSO HELP HIDE PROPER IDENTIFICATION EVEN WITHIN THE PDC
OF THIS FUNDING.

- PURCHASE OF RADIO STATION ON 8 SEPTEMBER. WAS VISIBLY
 DISTURBED UPON HEARING NEWS AND COMMENTED "YOU PEOPLE NEED
 TO CHANGE YOUR SYSTEM SO THAT SUCH NEWS DOES
 NOT GET OUT." STATED THAT NO ONE WITHIN HIS GROUP
 KNEW THAT HE GAVE MONEY ON THE SIDE TO PURCHASE THIS RADIO
 STATION AND THAT NO RECORDS WERE MADE OF HIS PART IN THE DEAL.
 HE REMARKED THAT THE FORMER OWNER OF THE STATION IS A
 SOCIALIST AND UNLIKELY TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF THE SALE SINCE
 ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSACTION INVOLVED. FUPOCKET-1 PROMISED TO KEEP
 US ADVISED OF ANY BLOW-BACK.
 - 6. ON 18 SEPTEMBER? FUBARGAIN+1 SAID THAT GENERAL PINOCHET SECRET

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DID NOT SEEM VERY UPSET BUT COMMENTED IN FUBARGAIN-1'S

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ME SHOWED HIS UNHAPPINESS AT WHAT HE FEELS IS GREATING EVIDENCE

OF USG INCOMPREHENSION OF GOC. SAID HE

AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS WHO HAVE TRAVELED TO STATES

AND ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE HAY USG FINCTIONS SOULD PARTIALLY

UNDERSTAND CURRENT U.S.G. ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS. SAID MOST

JUNIOR OFFICERS, HOWEVER, ARE INCREASINGLY UPSET AND

CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY FEEL IS U.S.

FAILURE TO BE A "GOOD FRIEND" OF CHILE DESPITE THE IMPORTANT

SACRIFICES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE HERE IN THE WORLD ADTI
COMMUNIST STRUGGLE.

7. ACCORDING TO FUBARGAIN-1, MOST CHILEAN OFFICERS VIEW THE REVELATIONS AND THEIR TIMING AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY A SECTOR OF U.S.G. (ALBEIT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH)
TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE JUNTA AND FALSELY CAST DOUBT ON THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND ROLE IN BRINGING DOWN ALLENDE. OFFICERS HAVE ADDED THIS LATEST BLOW TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE U.S. FOOT-DRAGGING ON SUPPLYING CHILE ARMS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR DEFENSE

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AGAINST PERU AND U.S. FAILURE NOT ONLY TO ASSIST, BUT ACTUALLY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS, PROBLEMS OF CHILEAN IMAGE ABROAD. SUM IS THAT CHILEAN OFFICER CORPS BECCHING INCREASINGLY BAFFELED AND RESENTFUL ABOUT U.S. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE.

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FROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS FOR MEDIA IN ALLENDE'S CHILE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- -- Since President Allende's electoral victory in 1970, the Government propaganda apparatus has mounted a coordinated campaign against the opposition communications media focusing on the prestigious El Mercurio newspaper chain and key opposition radios. The long-range goal is to create conditions that will insure Government control over the media so that an emasculated opposition will operate intuitively and through self-censorship within an approved framework.
- -- The opposition radio stations bear the brunt of an array of legal and illegal devices designed to intimidate them. These devices include the threat of violence, favoritism in the distribution of essential Government advertising revenue, temporary closures, and Government-fomented strikes.
- --- Chile's national television -- the only country-wide channel -- has become an important propaganda instrument for the Government.

 But it is being challenged by a Catholic University channel which is attempting to expand its service beyond the Santiago area.
- -- A major confrontation between the Government and the opposition, lasting more than a year, has taken place at the Papelera. Chile's only important private newsprint producer, with the company supported by the opposition media stymying repeated Government efforts to take over the firm. The paper company claims that Government price policies have brought it close to bankruptcy.
- -- Despite officially-sanctioned harassment, the opposition media have continued to function, taking advantage of the fluid political situation currently prevailing in Chile, and have become increasingly effective in exploiting the Government's economic failures and the growing dissension within the ruling Marxist coalition.
- -- Nevertheless, the opposition's economic base that sustains its media is being slowly undermined as the Government expands its control over the Chilean economy. Many opposition media are reportedly already in difficult financial straits. The Chilean Communist Party, seeking to strengthen its voice in the March 1973 Congressional elections, has already purchased five beleaguered radio stations (one a former opposition station) in southern Chile.

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III. THE ALLENDE PROCESS - HOW THE MEDIA ARE TREATED

Allende's treatment of the opposition media and his utilization of the pro-Government media offer revealing insights into the unique claim that Chile will carry out a Socialist revolution within the framework of traditional bourgeois and democratic institutions without social cost.

Any Chilean government possesses wide powers that can be employed to control and intimidate media opponents given sufficient will power and cynicism to do so, despite the fact that media freedoms in Chile are twice-guaranteed, both in the 1925 constitution and in a statute of constitutional guarantees agreed to by Allende's Popular Unity coalition and the Christian Democrats (PDC) as a condition for PDC support for Allende in the congressional run-off held subsequent to the Presidential election in September 1970.

What are some of these powers? Any Chilean executive under provisions of the State Internal Security Law may establish emergency zones by decree headed by military commanders empowering the State to enforce news consorship and to restrict access to newsprint supplies. A law on publicity abuses empowers the zovernment to petition the courts to suspend access to news and information. (Laws on the books that pose potential threats to freedom of radio information are more severe and more frequently utilized. See Section III. B. Radio.) Furthermore, through the judicious parceling out of advertising from State and autonomous State firms any government can discriminate against opposition media by denying or restricting this key source of revenue.

Unlike predecessor governments which utilized existing laws and accepted practices to reward political associates and benefit business partners, the Allende Government has consistently and frequently applied these measures to harass, to intimidate, and to undermine the morale of political and class opponents in the media. These tactics are applied throughout the country.

A basic organizational technique for the UP coalition has been the establishment of UP committees (CUP -- Comité de Unidad Popular) -- composed of newsmen who are militant members of parties belonging to the Government coalition or independent supporters of UP policies -- in newspapers, radios, magazines, and in journalistic bodies. The CUP's have been most active at the union level: demanding exorbitant wage increases, insisting that UP employees be given the right to express their opinion on editorial pages, disrupting legitimate union meetings, forming rump unions, and leaking internal company data to the leftist press and to the Government.

The goal of certain Unidad Popular militants regarding freedom of the press was most explicitly and revealingly stated by the organizing committee for a conference of leftist journalists which was held in Santiago in April 1971. The committee issued the following statement prior to the conference:

the press, which will only be possible when there is true economic independence. We maintain that Chile will have true freedom of the press only when the means of mass communication are part of the area of social property, that is, (when they) belong to all Chileans. The press, radio, television, and the theater must be tools at the service of liberation and culture of our people and not a private business, an ideological battering ram of the national and foreign minority (the capitalists) as is presently the case. (under-lining added)

Another statement said "the mission of journalists is to support and defend the People's Government (the UP) together with all the workers." The declaration also underlined the support of UP newsmen for "Viet-Nam, Cuba, and all the people that are building Socialism," and threw a bouquet at Cuba's Prensa Latina agency for its "objective" reporting of the Chilean phenomenon. Allende himself lent legitimacy to the mission of UP journalists in a speech kicking off the conference when he stated that "committed" newsmen must act as the "vanguard" of the revolution by "elevating the political level of the people." Reiterating a theme expressed on many other occasions, Allende asserted that his Government would respect freedom of information while at the same time he lamented his Government's "excessive tolerance" for the opposition media.

A. Press

In the key Santiago metropolitan area, there are five major opposition daily newspapers and one important neutral daily, La Tercera de la Hora.

TABLE 2. MAJOR OPPOSITION AND NEUTRAL DAILY NEWSPAPERS	TABLE 2.	MAJOR	OPPOSITION AND	NEUTRAL	PAILY	NEWSPAPERS
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Title	Estimated Circulation	Political Orientation
El Mercurio	160,000	Independent, conservative
Las Noticias Ultimas	120,000	Part of the Mercurio chain
La Prensa	25,000	Christian Democratic (PDC)
La Segunda	60,000	Part of the Mercurio chain
La Tribuna	25,000	National Party (Pil) interests
La Tercera de la Hora	190,000	Independent

A favorite target of the Government and its propaganda apparatus has been the conservative, independent daily El Mercurio, dean of the Chilean press and chief representative of the largest and most influential newspaper chain in the country. Tarred regularly as "pro-U.S." and as a "gringo newspaper written in Spanish" -- potent accusations in Chile -- El Mercurio has borne the brunt offevery conceivable kind of pressure short of outright seizure.

On numerous occasions the paper has been implicated along with other opposition media in alleged seditious plots carried out in concert with foreign (i.e., U.S.) interests to overthrow the Government.

Advertisers have been "requested" not to do business with the Mercurio chain, which has been accused of foreign exchange irregularities by tax authorities, by Government supporters on the paper's own staff, and by Allende himself at public rallies. Allende, too, periodically reacts to critical Mercurio editorials with charges that Chile and the Presidential office have been "insulted," that the Mercurio chain indulges in "libertinism unprecedented in Chilean journalistic history,"

and that the chain is "faithful to its tradition of infamy," The Government propaganda apparatus follows suit.

The PDC organ La Prensa and the National Party tabloid La Tribuna are secondary targets for the UP propaganda apparatus because their circulation is limited. Pressures amployed against these dailies are aimed generally at the political parties behind them in contrast to the Mercurio chain where pressures are intended as a warning signal to the "tree" media as an institution.

Independent La Tercera receiven distinct treatment. The Government exerts minimal pressures on the paper in return for favorable editorial treatment of Allende policies (see Section VI. A. The Opposition Media Reaction). This tactic has paid dividends for Allende and for Tercera's owner, German Pico Canas. Allendo obtains favorable publicity in a mans-circulation paper that maintains comparative objectivity in its news columns, thus lending credence to Allende's claims that he will respect traditional Chilean freedoms while making the transition to Socialism. Freed from the need for the strident partisanship so characteristic of the rest of the press, Tercera steadily builds its circulation with a public seeking some relief from the verbal civil war. As a result Pico, who has been head of the Chilean newspaper association, has defended the Allende Government's press policies in international forums. The understanding with the Government, however, is an uneasy one; Tercera is not sufficiently malleable for the Socialist Party, the principal party in the Government coalition, 9

B. Radio

Radio continues to be the most important medium of communication in Chile. The latest available figures compiled by the World Radio-TV Handbook give Chile a total of 137 stations, including 29 in the capital city. Santiago (See Table 3). The number of receivers is estimated at 3 million, or one for every third person. In a country 2,600 miles long radio's strategic importance is understood by both Government and opposition. The Government has resorted to a variety of devices designed to intimidate opposition radio stations: requests by Allende advisers that opposition stations hire designated leftist commentators; threats of violence; favoritism in the distribution of needed government advertising revenues; temporary closures; and strikes fomented by CUP committees.

TABLE 3. IMPORTANT RADIO STATIONS

Station

Radio Agricultura Radio Balmaceda Radio Cooperativa Radio Corporación Radio IEM

Radio Luis Recabarrea

Radio Magallanes Radio Minería Radio Pacifico Radio Portales Radio Santiago Radio UTE

Political Orientation

National Party (PN) Christian Democratic (PDC) PDC with PN elements Socialist Party Coiversity of Chile suction controlled by Marxists -Chilean labor federation (CUT) station; Communist-controlled (See Note No. 10) Communist Party Independent with PDC and PN elements. Radical Party (UP) Socialist Party Catholic Church interests State Technical University station controlled by Communists

Partial blame for leftist infiltration of Chilean stations must rest with "bourgeois" radio owners. Long before Allende became president the Chilean businessmen and politicians who owned radio stations made it a practice to hire leftist commentators because they believed that leftists were superior professionals and helped to increase listenership. When the UP came to power it tapped an existing source of manpower.

In addition, the Government frequently utilized existing regulations to gain its ends. Radio concessions are granted by a Government entity (Servicios Electricos) attached to the Interior Ministry. The same entity can cancel or transfer such concessions. Regulations promulgated during World War II state that "In case of internal disturbance, catastrophe or war radio stations are subject to the rules, control, and censorship that the Government may adopt." Under this type of emergency regulation, all radio stations were placed under an obligatory Government network -- not an unusual practice for the Allende Government -- when a modified martial law was decreed in 21 of Chile's 25 provinces during the October-

November 1972 truck drivers strike (See Note No. 18). Another regulation decrees that stations must interrupt their transmissions whenever the Interior Minister judges it to be necessary in the interest of the internal security of the State. Still another regulation authorizes the Central Bank to control the importation of equipment and spare parts for radio, television, and the press.

The Government moved quickly after the 1970 presidential election to obtain control of key stations. The Socialist Party gained control of Radio Portales. Chile's most popular station, and purchased Radio Corporación from El Mercurio (Portales has subsequently slipped in popularity). The Communist Party purchased Magallenes, an important Santiago station. The Communist Party recently also purchased Radio Simón Bolívar (formerly proopposition) in Concepción (as well as four other stations in southern Chile in preparation for the Congressional elections in March 1973). The rightist National Party daily La Tribuna quoted the former owner as saying that "the age of privately-owned mass media (in Chile) is over" with only the Covernment, strong economic consortiums, and the most powerful political parties capable of sustaining media operations. La Tribuna says the Communist Party is now the most powerful (single) broadcaster in southern Chile.

PDC-oriented Radios Balmaceda and Cooperativa, however, have to date successfully resisted Government enticements and pressures (see Section VI. A. The Opposition Media Reaction). Ealmaceda -- a radio station which over the years had carned a reputation for objective newscasts -- has been the number one target of the UP in the radio field. It has suffered more temporary closures than any radio facility. The station was shut down, for example, 17 hours in June 1971 for broadcasting an alleged "alarmist" report during the State of Emergency decreed after the assassination of Perez Zujovic, a former interior minister in the Frei Government. At the same time a UP station, Portales, received nothing more than an admonition for transmitting "alarmist" news more acceptable to UP propagandists. During the August-September 1971 period Radio Balmaceda was shut down on three separate occasions under

In radio as in the press the Government has used CUP committees to formulate exaggerated wage demands, to forment strikes, and to form rump unions. CUP unions at Radio Pacifico, for example, forced the owner to sell out to a cooperative formed by employees when wage demands could not be met. The radio station subsequently was purchased by the Radical Party -- a member of the UP coalition.

The principal Government weapon, however, is its control over public service advertising, which traditionally has provided the bulk of revenues for Chilean radio stations. The Government has dangled the prospect of advertisements in return for favorable news treatment, but the bait has not been picked up by the major opposition radios which recognize that their independence is at stake. The economic squeeze makes the future of Chilean independent radios appear bleak.

C. Television

Since its inception in Chile in 1962, television has made great strides, but the medium still lags behind radio, especially in the provinces where technical conditions for viewing are poor. According to the best estimates available, there are 350,000 sets in Santiago and a total of 500,000 sets in the country. Chile is served by the following television channels: 1) A national network with some 21 outlets throughout the country; 2) the Catholic University channel in Santiago; 3) a separate Catholic University channel in Valparaiso; and 4) the University of Chilq channel in Santiago.

The Government clearly recognizes television's importance as a propaganda vehicle, and under the direction of an Allende confidante, newsman Augusto Olivares (Socialist and a suspected member of the ultra-left MIR -- Movement of the Revolutionary Left), it has transformed Chile's only nationwide television channel into an outright political instrument of the Government coalition. Slanted commentaries favoring UP policies, character assassinations intended to smear political and class opponents, and a steady drumfire of Socialist propaganda in news and cultural programming became standard fare.

At the same time network authorities made it difficult under a variety of pretexts for opposition spokesmen to air their views in contravention of the State television statute. For example, the authorities frequently obliged all television channels and radios to carry official statements and denied opposition spokesmen equal time, resorting to the legal fiction that the official statements were transmitted voluntarity.

A popular political chat show "A Tres Bandas," in which opposition representatives freely debated UP representatives (the only such show carried nationally), was cancelled in August 1972 after two years of UP agitation against it. The Government defended the step by alleging that the program had poor listenership and by pointing to a ruling granting all political parties equal time to express their views on twice-weekly 20-minute slots. The original chat show format provided several hours of open-ended and frequent face-to-face confrontation, usually embarrassing to the Government.

The University of Chile station has consistently asserted the Marxist line since its inception, but the two remaining university channels have successfully fought Government control to date (See Section VI. C. University Confrontation and Television Freedoms). None of the university channels, however, is national in scope.

D. Magazines and Book Publishing

Early in 1971 the Government purchased the plant and equipment of the PDC-controlled Zig-Zag publishing empire -- one of the most modern in Latin America. The GOC announced the purchase after prolonged negotiations, provoked originally by the excessive demands of a Communist-led union. Under the terms of the accord the Government purchased Zig-Zag's plant and equipment, the company's national line of comics, and several magazines while Zig-Zag retained several mass-circulation magazines (Ercilla and Vea being the most important) under a two-year contract with the Chilean Treasury. The Zig-Zag infrastructure formed the basis for the newly-established Government-owned Quimantu National Publishing between the date.

Quimantu quickly began turning out magazines, comic books, and textbooks pushing UP policies. Comic books like Firme were designed for mass consumption and aimed at adults with low cultural levels, while others like Ramona were aimed at the teen-age market. Cabrochico, another-comic book, was geared to pre-teens. The format of some Quimantu products closely resembled competing Zig-Zag products. The weekly Ahora, for example, was designed to compete with Ercitla. After eight months Ahora collapsed, rejected in the market place by Chileans who were turned off by heavy-handed political propaganda.

E. Films

The Government's film production company, Chile Films, became the UP's principal propaganda arm in the film field. Rival Chilean private producers went out of business, squeezed by rising production costs and discriminatory tax and exchange rate treatment that denied them needed equipment and spare parts from abroad. Chile Films signed a comprehensive exchange accord in March 1971 with the Cuban Cinematographic Institute (ICAIC) (See Section V. C. Exchange of Persons, Visitors, and Exchange Agreements).

Chile Films also initiated agreements with the experimental film institute (leftist) at the University of Chile, the film institute at the Communist-dominated State Technical University (UTE), the Government information office, the film department of the Communist-dominated CUT (Central Unica de Trajabadores -- the major labor organization), the national television network, and the University of Chile television station. The stated purpose of the accords was to "develop the new Chilean film industry."

Its products are intended to glorify the roles of workers, peasants, and students in the march to Chilean-style Socialism, romanticize the proletarian role of the Chilean Communist and Socialist Parties, and attack the "bourgeoisie" and their "imperialist" allies. Despite an intense publicity buildup, however, few films actually appeared in the 1970-72 period. Most of the films that were produced appeared to be pieced together from newsreel film taken during the Allende presidential campaign or from post-election political rallies.

The Government's delay in making public the results of June 1972 elections for top posts in the Communist-dominated CUT labor federation also damaged Government credibility. The opposition media scored heavily in a barrage of charges of irregularities and vote fraud with a public that takes justified price in clean elections.

B. The Papelera Confrontation

The Compañía Manufacturera de Papeles Y Cartones (known as the Papelera). Chile's major private producer of newsprint, became another propaganda battleground cast by the opposition in terms of "freedom versus Marxist totalitarianism.".

In October 1971, the Government, carrying out a long-standing pledge, announced that CORFO (the Government Development Corporation) had opened negotiations to buy out the Papelera through the purchase of its stock. The opposition media immediately launched a campaign to warn the public that the free press would be crippled if newsprint distribution were placed at the mercy of Government suppliers. At the same time, the opposition media pleaded with private shareholders to refuse to sell to the Government. In addition, a "freedom fund" was created enabling private persons to buy up Papelera shares to prevent the company from falling into Government hands.

For several months pro- and anti-Government media carried out daily an intensive propaganda battle in advertisements, news stories, and editorials. Both sides resorted to the familiar numbers game: the pro-Allende media claimed that the Government was besieged by willing shareholders eager to sell out; the opposition asserted that shareholders were resisting temptation. Government propagandists argued that newsprint production was essential to the State and must be controlled by the State; the opposition said Papelera must remain in private hands as a patriotic duty.

Thwarted to date in its attempt to buy out Papelera shareholders, the Government has not hesitated to use other measures -- price controls, labor-induced production shortages, and strong-arm tactics -- to prevent the delivery of raw material to the plant. The Government press also circulated rumors that Jorge Alessandri (former President

of Chile and a leading shareholder and board chairman of the Papelera) had made a deal with Allende to give the Government control over the Papelera to weaken the will of private shareholders and their supporters. That the Papelera still withstands these combined pressures a year later is a tribute to a determined defense of the firm by an opposition Congress, to the loyalty of the bulk of the Papelera employees, and to an aroused and alerted opposition media.

The battle for control of the Papelera will continue and the odds are not good for the company. Repeated requests for price increases sufficient to absorb cost increases -- forced on the firm in part by Government economic policies -- were not met, and the firm declared in September 1972 that it could not meet loan payments due to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Finally, in December 1972 the Government authorized new price increases averaging 45 per cent, which were, however, inapplicable to the price of newsprint. The Papelera gains some breathing space but Government pressures on the company are certain to continue. The price increase itself may be viewed as a form of pressure.

The battle has spilled over into the halls of the Chilean Congress. Partly to protect the Papelera's independent status, the PDC sponsored a "three areas" constitutional amendment designed to give Congress some control over which businesses can be incorporated as social property by the Government. (The Papelera is one of the firms appearing on the Government's original list of 91 firms to be absorbed by the Government as social property.) The amendment -- still a bitter bone of contention between the Government and the opposition -- would, among other points, declare null and void CORFO's attempted purchase of Papelera stock in the absence of Congressional approval, 13

C. University Confrontation and Television Freedoms

Growing opposition confidence fed by an election victory at the University of Chile in April 1972 and by stiffening opposition attitudes at Santiago's Catholic University had important spill-over effects in television programming at two channels run by Catholic University. Increasing opposition effectiveness even raised the possibility that the Marxist-controlled University of Chile channel for the first time in its existence might be obliged to inject some objectivity into its output.

Incumbent University of Chile Rector Edgardo Boeninger, an independent with Christian Democratic sympathies, gained 51.9 per cent of the vote for rector in April against three other contenders representing the UP coalition and leftist splinter groups, including the MIR. An independent-PDC state also gained control of the previously Marxist-controlled Superior Romative Council. The victory was billed by the opposition media as another victory for democracy and pluralism over Marxist totalitarianism. In the process Rector Boeninger became a hero of the opposition media and a symbol of "democratic" defiance of Government efforts to impose its will on an independent university. The opposition's rallying cry became "Defend a democratic and pluralist university." Translated into media terms it became "We want a democratic and pluralistic university TV channel."

Rallying behind that slogan, opposition supporters at the two Catholic Universities (Santiago and Valparaiso) began to ease out leftist influence in the news departments of the two university channels. UP supporters, however, remain at the technician level at the Santiago channel and can be expected to create problems for their opponents. Opposition authorities who now control the channel are proceeding cautiously against them.

A more significant indication of UP long-range attitudes toward television freedoms has been the Government's persistent refusal to permit university television stations to extend their networks throughout Chile. In September 1972, President Allende blocked the opposition's most recent attempt to obtain legislative sanction for such an extension by vetoing relected items in a PDC-introduced bill. The Government claimed that its own bilf -- pending before Congress and allowing universities to establish stations only within the territory in which the seat of each university is located -- would create a national network for all recognized universities on an "equal and non-discriminatory" basis. What the Government did not say was that the bill if passed would preserve the State Network's position as the only single channel that can be viewed by a national television audience. Presumably the Government bill also would permit the Communist-dominated State Technical University to operate a television station in Santiago in competition with Santiago's Catholic University channel which, according to available public opinion surveys, is viewed by approximately 69 per cent of the capital's audience. 15

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Demonstrators Protest President Allende's Veto of Bill Permitting 2 University (Santiago) to Extend Its Television (Channel 13) Throughout Chile.

In subsequent developments the Catholic University at Santiago as nevertheless extended its television service to the Concepcion netropolitan area, third most important in Chile, via a television epeater in Talcahuano. The Government has ordered that the epeater cease operation as the University lacks a concession under 1958 law to function in that area. The University has refused to omply, claiming that the 1970 National Television Act, which uthorizes the universities to operate television channels, is the overning statute and that it needs no additional concession to perate in any part of Chile. Meanwhile the repeater is still anctioning (as of February 15, 1973) while the legal (and political) ebate continues.

Allende in Retrospect

By Paul E. Sigmund

orld-attention has moved away from Santiago since the bloody overthrow of Salvador Allende last September, but the questions that were raised at that time still need answering. Where should the primary responsibility be placed for the tragic events on and after September 11, 1973? Was it, as the Left contends, the result of a fascist counterrevolution aided and abetted by the forces of imperialism? Was it, as the Right asserts, the only available response to Allende's attempt to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat by a mixture of guile and force? Did it mark the "death of a dream" of the establishment of socialism by democratic means, and was it thereby one more demonstration that Marxism must use force to accomplish its goals? Were there internal and external political and economic factors which made it Impossible for Allende's experiment to succeed, or was the downfall of the Unidad Popular (Popular Unity) coalition government the consequence of a series of ideologically-influenced analyses and mistaken policy choices which, if they had been different, might have produced another result? A review of the course of the Allende government with the ald of the considerable new material that has become available in recent months may help to answer these questions.

Allende's opponents never tire of pointing out that he was elected with only 36 percent of the vote in a three-way race.' What they do not mention is that in the congressional run-off between the two

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front-running candidates he was elected president by a lopsided majority vote of 135-35. He received the support of the centrist Christian Democratic Party (PDC) in the run-off in return for his agreement to the adoption of a Constitutional Statute of Democratic Guarantees protecting freedoms of expression, education and religion, and guaranteeing the independence of the military from political control. The text of the statute, which was added to the Childan Constitution shortly after Allende's election, reflected the fears of non-Marxist groups that the new Marxist President would use the considerable power of the Childan executive to undercut and eventually destroy all opposition to a Marxist take-over.

Political and Economic Strategy

When he took office, Allende promised that he would follow a "second model" of Marxism—the via Chilena to socialism, "with meat pies and red wine." To prove that this model was "anticipated by the classics of Marxism," he quoted from Friedrich Engels on the possibility of

... a peaceful evolution from the old society to the new in countries where the representatives of the

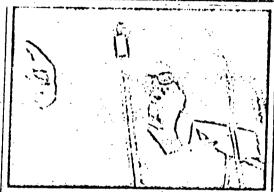
*Allende's supporters in the Popular Unity coalition consisted of his own Socialist Party (Partido Socialist—PS), the Communist Party (Partido Comunist—PC), the main body of the Radical Party (Partido Radical—PR), the lettist Catholic "Movement of Popular United Action" (Movimiento de Acción Popular Unido—MAPU), and two other smaller groups. The largest opposition groups were the centrist Christian Democratic Party (Partido Necional—PN).

In refraspect, it is ironic that the Chiean Senate never acted on a constitutional amendment proposed early in 1970 to establish a second-round popular election, which would have provided the President thus elected (probably the right-wing candidate, lorge Alessandri) with a clear popular mandate.

people have all power and in accord with the constitution can do what they desire when they have the majority of the nation behind them.

Yet it was precisely the question of majority supnort that was Allende's central problem in his design to carry out a peaceful transition to "socialism with democracy, pluralism and liberty." The parties In his coalition were in a distinct minority in the Congress, and although there was no doubt about the legitimacy of his election by that body, his victory had only been possible because of the conditional support of the Christian Democrats. The PDC, it should be noted, included both Radomiro Tornic, the party's 1970 presidential candidate, who had gone to Allende's house to congratulate him the day after the popular election, clearly inferring his future support, and conservatives like Senator Juan de Dios Carmona, who had fought within the party to prevent it from voting for Allende in the run-off. In the immediate aftermath of the election the PDC was controlled by the Tornic forces, who claimed to be in favor of "communitarian" socialism, nationalization of copper, acceleration of agrarian reform, and reduction of Chile's dependencia on the United States. One way, then, for Allende to achieve his acknowledged goal of majority support for the transition to socialism would have been to try to arrive at an understanding with the Christian Democrats on the points in his program with which they were In agreement. This might have provoked the secession of some of the rightist members of the PDC, but if an accord had been reached with the party's leaders, it would likely have given Allende a majority in the Congress for at least part of his

Flushed with victory and unwilling to come to terms with the party which he had termed "the new face of reaction" during the campaign, Allende chose an alternative strategy. The next congressional elections were not scheduled to take place until March 1973, but the Chilean Constitution provided that in the event of a conflict with the Congress over the text of a constitutional amendment, the President could call a national plebiscite. The strategic course adopted by Allende was to attempt to expand popular support for his coalition and then propose a constitutional amendment which, in accordance with the Popular Unity electoral program, would replace the existing bicameral legislature with a unicameral



Salvador Allende speaks of his plans for Chile at the 23rd Congress of the Socialist Party, held in January 1971, three months after his election as President of Chile.

-Photo by Santi Visalli for Photoreporters.

house, to be elected immediately following the approval of the amendment. The Congress would be certain to reject the amendment, but if Allende had the support of a majority in the country, he could win the plebiscite and secure control of the unicameral legislature that would then be established.

Allende's strategy for the expansion of electoral support was an economic one which drew as much from John Maynard Keynes as It did from Karl Marx. The Chilean economy, already operating below capacity, had gone into a profound recession as a result of Allende's election. The response of Pedro Vuskovic, Allende's Minister of Economics, was to "prime the pump" by adopting a deficit budget, increasing public expenditures, and redistributing income by skewing the annual wage readjustment for the preceding year's inflation (35 percent in 1970) in favor of the low-income sector of the population (the lowest income groups received a 40-percent increase). The utilization of unused industrial capacity, combined with strict enforcement of price controls, more stringent collection of taxes, and refusal to devalue the Chilean escudo in relation to the dollar, were expected to contain possible inflationary pressures which might result. (The Allende government also had a cushion of nearly \$400 million in foreign reserves left to it by the Frei government as a result of high international prices for copper, Chile's principal export.)

The strategy also contained a Marxist element—

^{*} El Mercurio (Santiago), Nov. 6, 1970, p. 23.

.... the People's Government (Gobierno Popular) is Inspired in its policy by a premise that is artificially denied by some—the existence of classes and social sectors with antagonistic and opposing interests.

Allende's economic advisers anticipated an additional source of revenue for the government from the "exploitative" profits of the industries that were to be nationalized by the new government. The partially American-owned copper mines were to be taken over by a constitutional amendment—both to lay to rest any legal doubts about the reversal of the Frei Chileanization agreements of 1967 and 1969, and because a general consensus in Chile favored nationalization. Other companies were to be nationalized after a controlling interest was gained through the purchase of shares on the open market by the government development agency. The latter course seemed facilitated by the fact that the price of shares had been depressed since the elections, and further economic pressures could be created by allowing wage increases but forbidding any rise in prices. The legal adviser to the government, Eduardo Novoa, also outlined other "legal loopholes" in existing Chilean law which could be used for "temporary" takeovers of companies, including "intervention" because of labor disputes and "requisition" because of a "breakdown in supply of an article of prime necessity."

Programme and the second secon The takeover of large sectors of Chile's basic industry and trade, as promised in the Popular Unity program, was thus seen as an essential part of an economic and political strategy aimed at achieving and maintaining power. Combined with a rapid acceleration of agrarian reform (again using existing legislation—the 1967 agrarian reform law—but exploiting provisions such as one authorizing the expropriation of "abandoned or badly-farmed land," with one percent payment in cash and the rest in bonds), the planned takeover meant that even if the effort to create a unicameral left-dominated legislature falled, the Allende government could destroy the economic base of the "capitalist" opposition through a series of "Irreversible" faits accomplis (hechos consumados) which would give the



A Chilean peasant guards the gate of a farm south of Santiago which was seized from its owners on the pretext that it was "operated unproductively" (mal explotada).

Salvador Allende, "The Chilean Way to Socialism," in Paul E. Sigmund, Ed., The Ideologies of the Developing Nations, 2nd rev. ed. New York, Praeger, 1972, p. 450.

afrei's Chileanization program had involved the purchase by the Chilean state of a controlling interest in the large cooper mines owned by the Kennecott and Anaconda companies. The agreements had also provided that Chile's payments to the American companies were to be invested in the expansion of copper production and refining in Chile, earning the country additional revenue in the 1970's to pay back the loans contracted to finance the purchases

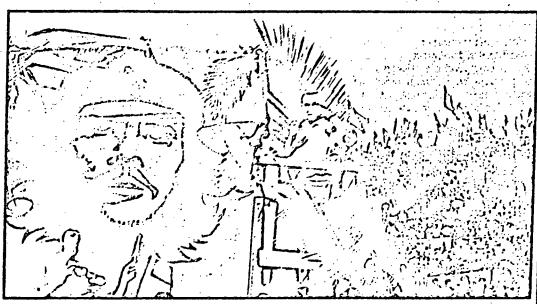
government control of the economy and of the excess profits that the private sector had used for luxury consumption or had sent out of the country as profit remittances to foreign companies. At the same time, the fact that the policy remained within the letter, if not the spirit, of the law meant that intervention by the military was unlikely.

Allende's constitutionalist and legalist strategy was not universally accepted within his coalition. Most of his own Socialist Party-beginning with its newly elected General Secretary, Senator Carlos Altamirano—and several other groups further to the left, such as the MIR (Movimiento de la Izquierda Revolucionaria-Movement of the Revolutionary Left) and the VOP (Vanguardia Organizada del Pueblo-Organized Vanguard of the People), were openly doubtful about the wisdom of relying on elections and "bourgeois legality" to achieve power and advised preparation for an armed confrontation with the forces of reaction, which they foresaw as inevitable. Allende's effort to portray the transition to socialism as peaceful in character was not assisted by the publication of his conversations with French revolutionary theorist Régis Debray in early 1971. In these, Debray declared that "in the last analysis and until further notice, political power comes out of the end of a gun," and Allende repeatedly stated that his differences with apostles of violence like Che Guevara were only "tactical," because the Chilean situation required that he observe legality "for the time being." Allende himself organized an armed personal bodyguard, the so-called GAP (Grupo de Arnigos Personales), and—we now know—as early as December 1971 received reports on the illegal importation and distribution of arms to the MIR and to his bodyguards."

While there were thus Intermittent hints of revolutionary alternatives, Allende's basic economic strategy was "socialist consumerism," combined with a rapid expansion of state control in industry, trade and agriculture, and his basic political strategy

*See Ragis Debray, The Chilean Revolution: Conversations with Allerda, *** York, Random, 1971, pp. 52, 77, 91, and 97. El Mercurio (International Edition) Feb. 18-24, 1974, p. 3, reproduces the report, found in the presidential palace.

* On "Whitehard on summerism" see Paul E. Sigmund, "Two Years of Popular Unity." Problems of Communism (Washington, DC), twindwar-December 1972) pp. 38-51.



A Santiago rally in November 1970 celebrates the first anniversary of the Allende presidency—in the foreground, a picture of Latin revolutionary Ché Guevara.

-Photo by Claus Mayer for Black Flor.

Water Control of the was an expansion of the electoral base of the Allende coalition by an appeal to the material interests and the class consciousness of the lower classes. It was the interaction of the various elements of this political and economic strategy that finally produced the breakdown of Chilean constitutionalism and the intervention of the armed forces that the extreme left of the Allende coalition had been predicting all along.

Initial Success

At the outset, the new economic policy was astoundingly successful, although it had within it the seeds of future disaster, Income redistribution stimulated demand, while price controls and an artificially low exchange rate kept prices down. As a consequence, a mini-boom ensued. By March 1971 the Sociedad de Fomente Fabril (Association for the Development of Manufacturing), representing Chilean business and industry, admitted that production had increased by 6.3 percent over the figure of 12 months before, and by May that figure had reached 13.5 percent. The Institute of Economics of the University of Chile later reported that unemployment in the Santiago area dropped from 8.3 percent in December 1970 to 5.2 percent in June 1971 and declined further to an unusually low 3.8 percent by the end of the year. The Consumer Price Index stopped climbing entirely in December 1970 and had only increased by 6 percent by the time of the municipal elections of April 1971—its lowest rise in many years. At the same time, salaries and wages increased by 27 percent in real terms.

This wave of economic prosperity—combined with the absence of the political repression that some rightists had predicted would result from a victory by the Marxists-led many, particularly in low income groups, to vote for the candidates of the Popular Unity coalition in the April municipal elections. Allende's own Socialist Party bettered its electoral showing in the 1969 congressional elections by nearly 100 percent (a jump from 12 percent to 22 percent of the total), and the candidates of all the parties supporting Allende received about 50 percent of the vote, as compared with the 36 percent which the President himself had received only seven months before. Yet, gratifying as the results were, the coalition was still a few votes short of the absolute majority that Allende required to win a plebiscite on a constitutional amendment. He was later criticized for not calling the plebiscite at the time

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The period after the municipal elections now appears to have been crucial for the long-term survival of the regime. The Right was still in disarray, the Christian Democrats had elected a compromise leadership which was not committed to either of the party's wings, and the short-run economic and political indicators were favorable. Yet, instead of taking action on the economic front to stem the loss of foreign reserves and to dampen inflationary pressures-and on the political front to prevent the movement of the Christian Democrats into an alliance with the right-wing opposition parties—the regime continued its previous policies, confidently assuming that in the long run "the people" would support it and ignoring the warnings of "bourgeois" economists that the loss of foreign reserves, the expansion of demand, and the sharp decline in investment would produce disastrous consequences in the following year.

Political Polarization

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The hardening of the Christian Democratic position bégan in mid-1971. It was accelerated in June by the assassination of the former Christian Democratic Interior Minister, Edmundo Perez Zujovic, by extremists, at least one of whom had been released from prison by Allende upon his accession to power. A month later in a by-election in Valparaiso, the victorious Christian Democratic candidate received the support of the Right. The tacit alliance with the Right led to the secession from the PDC of eight deputies and a number of other party leaders to form the pro-Allende Izquierda Cristiana (Christian Left). This was counterbalanced however, by a split in the other direction within the Allende coalition. Five of the seven Radical senators (including two former presidential candidates) and 7 of the 19 deputies left the Radical Party (PR), and formed the Partido de la Izquierda Radical (Party of the Radical Left-PIR) in protest against the Marxist orientation of a

⁷ See, e.g., Paul M. Sweezy, "Chile: The Question of Power, Monthly Review (New York, London) December 1973, pp. 1-11.

PR policy resolution which the dissidents described as "completely removed from the characteristic and distinctive ideology of our party" and opposed to "the interest of the middle social strata" whom the party had always represented. For a time, the PIR continued to support the Allende government, but within a year it had entered the ranks of the opposition.

In July 1971, the Christian Democrats had voted In favor of the constitutional amendment nationalizing the copper mines, but from that point forward. the pattern was one of polarization of Chilean politics and society into two opposing blocks. The Allende forces controlled the executive and pursued an increasingly vigorous ideological purge of those who were not entirely sympathetic to the government. The opposition controlled the legislature, and in October 1971 the Christian Democrats and the rightist parties attempted to assert legislative control over the expansion of the public sector by voting in favor of a constitutional amendment limiting the use of the intervention and requisition procedures and requiring that all transfers of private enterprises to the "social" or mixed sectors be carried out in accordance with specific legislation adopted by the Congress. This legislative act, referred to as an amendment on the "Three Areas of Property," became the focus of a continuing deadlock between the President and Congress that lasted until Allende's overthrow in September 1973.

Allende's refusal to accept the amendment or to call a plebiscite to resolve his differences with the Congress appeared to the congressional opposition to be a decisive indication of his determination to bypass the legislature in carrying out the Popular Unity program, and from the time of the adoption of the amendment onward, the Christian Democrats began to cooperate with the rightist parties in opposing the executive. One method was to impeach ministers for violation or (more often) nonenforcement of the law. The first of many such impeachments took place in January 1972. Another method was to present a united electoral front against the government. Informal cooperation between the rightist parties and the Christian Democrats led to striking victories in two by-elections in January 1972, and a month later these groups formed the Democratic Confederation (Confederación Democrática-CODE) to prepare joint lists for the 1973 congressional elections. A third area of cooperation was in marches and demonstrations against the government, the most famous of which was the March of Empty Pots in December 1971, in which thousands of housewives, mostly of middle-class background, marched, banging pots to protest food shortages.

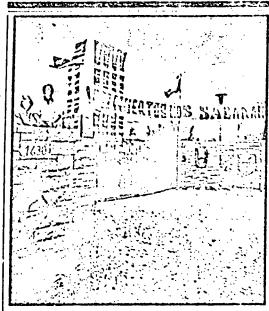
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Those shortages had developed because the predicted economic difficulties resulting from the Vuskovic policy began to emerge in late 1971. The balance-of-payments surplus had been depleted at such an alarming rate (in 1971 there was a deficit of \$315 million, while in 1970 there had been a surplus of \$91 million) that in November 1971 the Allende government called a moratorium on payment of its foreign gebts. Chile had already experienced difficulties in securing loans from the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank and the Export-Import Bank as a result of its failure to compensate the Anaconda and Kennecott copper companies for the nationalization of their major mines. The debt moratorium was bound to make it considerably more difficult for Chile to secure foreign credits, particularly for the short term." In December 1971, the Chilean government finally permitted a partial devaluation of the Chilean escudo so as to decrease the distortions created by its overvaluation, but this created pressure on prices of goods manufactured with imported components. Shortages of certain food items—especially cooking oil; detergents, sugar, toothpaste, and cigarettes-were ascribed by the government to upper-class hoarding and to increased consumption by low-income groups; however, the dislocations in the countryside associated with the very rapid expansion of the agrarian reform (Allende took over almost as much land in his first year in office as Frei had in six years) clearly had something to do with the problem as well, and the situation could be expected to get worse with the harvest in early 1972. A 100-percent increase in the money supply as a result of the government's deficit spending was also beginning to produce inflationary pressures now that the unused capacity of Chilean industry had been taken up by the 1971 expansion. Most important, a sharp drop in investment (Altende said it had declined by 7.7 percent, but opposition economists claimed it had fallen by 24.2 percent) meant that the spectacular growth rate achieved in 1971 would be sharply reduced in 1972.

Yet the degree of the incipient crisis was not

[•] On the Inaccuracy of the term "Invisible blockade" to describe the Allende governments credit problems, see Paul E. Sigmand, "The Trivisible Biockade" and the Overthrow of Allende," Fore 81 Affairs (New York), January 1974, pp. 322-40.

^{*} El Mercurio, Aug. 8, 1971, p. 37.



Workers occupying a plant outside of Santiago proclaim their intention to hold it to the death. The initials of the Unidad Popular (Popular Unity) are painted on the wall by the gate.

-Photo by Maggi Costelloe.

Immediately evident from the figures for 1971, Industrial growth had reached 8.3 percent, agrarian production (based on plantings before Allehde's accession to power) had increased by 5.3 percent, and unemployment had dropped to record lows. The Communist Party in a report to a Popular Unity "conclave" in early 1972 warned that "very strong inflationary pressures could make our situation acute," but the government took no action to deal with the problem. The continuing optimism of government policymakers at this time was expressed at a Round Table in Santiago sponsored by the University of Sussex and the Chilean Planning Office in March 1972. In the course of discussion Recomiro Tomic, the defeated Christian Democratic presidential candidate, asserted that the Allende government had committed a "fatal political error" in failing to establish an "institutional majority" in the Congress through a "far-reaching agreement between socialists inspired by Christianity and those inspired by Marxism—that is, between the Christian Democrats and Popular Unity—in the period following the 1970 presidential election." Allende's representatives confidently replied that "with a gradual heightening of the political consciousness of the proletariat, there seemed to be no obstacles in the internal logic of the Chilean bourgeois state to prevent the workers' rwinning sufficient strength to gain control of the legislature as well as the executive." 19

On the political front, there were individuals and groups on both sides who attempted to stem the movement toward polarization, which they correctly foresaw would lead to the breakdown of Chilean institutions. Two important efforts to arrive at a compromise on the issue of the constitutional amendment on the "Three Areas of Property" were made in the first part of 1972. In April the Left Radicals, who had entered the Allende government in January, carried on lengthy negotiations with the Christian Democrats to hammer out a satisfactory agreement on this issue, only to have it rejected by the top command of the Popular Unity coalition parties. The Left Radicals responded by leaving the government and joining the opposition, a move Allende described as "a stab in the back." " A second set of negotiations in June between the head of the Christian Democratic Party and Allende's Minister of Justice broke down when the time limit set by the Christian Democrats expired and the PDC leadership refused to extend it.

The two sets of negotiations seem to have collapsed for related reasons. In April the left wing of the Popular Unity coalition was unwilling to accept a compromise which would slow down or stop the forward movement of the government nationalization program, while in June the right wing of the Christian Democrats could point to an impending by-election ir, mid-July as a reason for discontinuing discussions. Both cases illustrated a general problem posed by the Chilean multiparty system. Once political conflict became polarized, the extremes held the rest of the opposing coalitions hostage and prevented what could have been a convergence of views in the center.

The negotiations were interspersed with a series of demonstrations and counterdemonstrations by the government and the opposition which always stopped just short of open violence. Several observers, including the American Ambassador to

³⁹ J. Ann Zammit and Gabriel Palma, Eds., The Chican Road to Socialism, Austin, University of Texas Press, 1973, pp. 38, 247. The Communist Party report appears in El Mercurio (International Europh Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 1972, p. 4.

¹¹ Partido Izquierda Radical, Trayectoria Posoca del PIR (Political Path of the PIR), Santiago, 1972, p. 79.

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Chile, Nathaniel Davis, remarked on the pattern of "brinkmanship" that the Chileans exhibited." Social and political tensions increased—but as long as economic deterioration was not reflected in runaway inflation, the Chilean political system seemed able to contain them.

The Turning Point

The strains in the system only became unmanageable in mid-1972, when the lid blew off the fragile Chilean economy and let loose the pressures that had been building up for at least a year. As the deficit in government spending rose, particularly because of its subsidies to the "social area," its foreign reserves dropped nearly to zero, and the growth of industrial output slowed down. Allende replaced Economics Minister Vuskovic with Carlos Matus and appointed Orlando Millas as Finance Minister. The Matus-Millas team sought to "find stability at another level," ordering a drastic currency devaluation, raising prices in the nationalized sector, and permitting limited agricultural price increases. The result was a sharp jump in the cost-offiving Index, which climbed from 27.5 percent at the end of June to 99.8 percent at the end of September, A wage readjustment to compensate for the increase In the cost of living only accelerated the inflation, so that by the end of the year the official consumer price index had reached 163 percent (see Table 1). In September, industrial output began to drop in absolute terms (i.e., not merely in terms of the rate of increase)-a drop that continued every month thereafter until the September 1973 coup." Agricultural production (excluding livestock) also commenced to decline, and mineral production registered precipitous drops, although copper production rose by 1.3 percent for 1972 owing to the fact that a number of new mines came into operation. (On other elements of the worsening economic situation, see Table 2.)

Chile's economic problems were paralleled in the

positical arena: Several additional ministers were impresched, including the Minister of Interior, who was charged with abetting the illegal importation of arms from Cuba in March. (The Allende government claimed that suspect shipments from Cuba—"bullos Cubanos"—were "works of art," but after the September 1973 coup, the government White Breek published an inventory of over 2,000 pounds of arms sent from Cuba in 13 crates which customs

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Table 1: Monthly Fluctuations in Conzumer Prices and Industrial Output under Allenda

	Month	Consumer Price Index	Industrial Output
1970	Oct.	35.6	-8.0
!	Nov.	35.3	4.3
	Dec.	34.9	-0.3
1971	Jan.	28.1	-4.5
	Feb.	22.8	-7.3
	March	20.1	6.3
	April	20.2	1.6
	May	21.0	13.5
	June	21.1	10.7
	July	19.1	6.7
	Aug.	. 17.4	10.7
	Sept.	15.6	25.5
	Oct.	16.5	22.6
	Nov.	18.8	22.1
	Dec.	22.1	19.5
1972	Jan.	24.8	18.5
	Feb.	32.0	11.9
	March	34.0	10.2
	April	38.1	12.6
	May	40.0	11.4
	June	40.1	2.5
	July	45.9	5.0
	Aug.	77.2	3.6
	Sept.	114.3	-7.8
	Oct	142.9	-7.7
	Nov.	149.9	-8.1 I
	Dec.	163.4	-11.1
1973	Jan.	180.3	-6.8
	Feb.	174.1	-4.7
	March	183.3	-2.8
'	April	195.5	-11.3
	May	233.5	-11.0
	June	283.4	-14.8
	July	323.2	-10.7
	Aug.	303.6	-11.9
	Sept.	286.0	-22:9
	Oct.	528.4	18.0
	Nov,	528.9	5.1,

^{*}Percentage of change from the same month of the previous year. SOURCE: Instituto Nacional de Estadisticas (National Institute of Statistics), Santiago; Societad de Fomento Fabril. (Association for the Development of Manufacturing), Santiago.

¹⁹ A secret cable from US Ambassador Nathaniel Davis to the Brate Department, published in Jack Anderson's column in The West-Inglun Post (Washington, DC) on March 28, 1972, commented that "the Chlicans have a great ability to rush to the brink, embrace each other, and back ort." On the same point see Mauricio Solaun and Fernando Cepeda, Allende's Chrie: On the Politics of Brinshmaship, Bozzla, Universidad de Los Andes, 1972.

³³ The Allende government blamed the drop in production on the October 1972 strike, but this ignored the fact that production declines began before October.

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Table 2:	Some Indices of the Chilean Econom	y, 1970-72	•				
•	1970	1971	1972				
Gross damystic product (% change)	3.7	8.3	1.4				
Investment (% change)	8 6	-24.2	-8.5				
Real wages and salaries (% change)	13.0	30.0	-9.0				
Exports (\$ million)	1129	1045	853				
Imports (\$ million)	1020	1124	1287				

SOURCE: Department of Economics, University of Chile.

had been forbidden to inspect.") The judiciary joined in the conflict, protesting the failure of the Ministry of Justice to carry out court orders, while progovernment demonstrators denounced the viejos de mierda—"fifthy old men"—in the Supreme Court. As it became apparent that there was no real possibility of resolving their differences, the two sides turned to the armed forces as impartial arbiters, and the national holidays in mid-September 1972 were marked by rival efforts of the Congress and the President to ingratiate themselves with the military.

The political Involvement of the military was accelerated by the next step in the Chilean tragedythe October 1972 strike, Respectively termed the "employers' lockout" and "the national strike" by pro- and anti-Allende forces, it began far from Santiago, in the remote southern province of Avsen, with a strike by small truckers. (Referred to by the government press as the "truck-owners," the membership of the truckers' gremio—guild—was almost entirely composed of owners of one or two trucks who feared an announced plan to establish a state trucking agency which would have had priority access to new trucks and spare parts). The strike quickly spread across the nation, as the truckers were joined by bus and taxi drivers, shopkeepers, doctors, nurses, dentists, airline pilots, engineers and part of the peasantry. The Christian Democrats and the rightist parties supported the strikers, and the work stoppage dragged on for over a month resulting in an estimated loss of \$150-200 million In production. Agriculture was particularly hard hit because the strike took place in the midst of the planting season; indeed, there is no doubt that part. though not all, of the 25-percent drop in the 1973 harvest was the consequence of the strike. Industry

-was not as adversely affected, since workers attempted to keep factories going despite management's efforts to cease production—and the October strike saw the emergency of "Industrial Belts" (Cordones) and "Communal Commands," which seemed to embody the type of spontaneous "popular power" that leftist theorists had spoken of as the basis of a genuine revolutionary class consciousness to replace the materialistic "economism" that had characterized Chilean workers until this time." When the workers seized closed factories, the plants were usually "intervened" by the government; so that an important result of the October strike was a considerable expansion of the government-controlled sector of industry and trade.

The most important outcome of the strike, however, was the direct involvement of the military in the Allende cabinet. A condition of the settlement of the strike was that the military take over key cabinet posts. This resulted most notably in the assignment of the Ministry of the Interior to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, General Carlos Prats, so as to assure that the congressional elections scheduled for March 1973 would be carried on freely and impartially.

The involvement of the military and the preparations for the March elections brought about a full in the escalation of political conflict in Chile. Inevi-

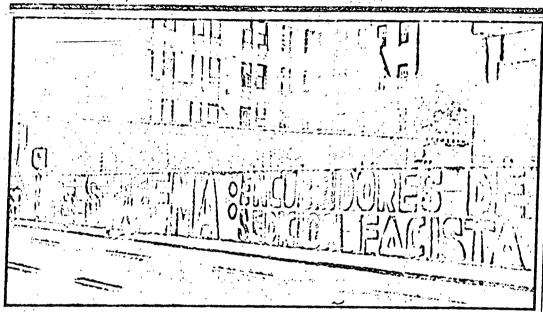
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Petras, "Critic: Nationalization, Socioeconomic Change and Popular Participation," Studies in Comparative International Development (Beverly Hills, Calif.), Spring 1973, pp. 24-51, also available in James Petras, Ed., Latin America: From Dependence to Revolution, New York, Wiley, 1973, Chap. 2.

other groups. On the persistence of worker "economism," see James

¹⁹ Socretaria General del Goblerno, Libro Bianco (White Roma), Sentiago, 1973, pp. 103-08.

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Symptomatic of leftist attacks on Chilean institutions, a Samples wall poster denounces the country's Supreme Court as "Protectors of Fascist Sedition."

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tably, however, it also produced political divisions within the military itself, which had hitherto been relatively alcef from the process of polarization. It was soon apparent, for instance, that General Prats was willing to give the government the benefit of the doubt in nearly every instance that its decisions or actions were challenged. Conversely, the Navy was noticeably less enthusiastic, and in January Admiral Ismael Huerta resigned from the cabinet over plans for the initiation of what he took to be a food-rationing system. It is now also known that the first plans for a possible coup were made by intermediate-level officers at the end of 1972."

Food distribution became a critical issue as the black market continued to expand, with much of Chile's agricultural production going into illegal channels because of the government's refusal to increase the official prices paid for agricultural produce. The result was, in effect, two separate price systems—a subsidized, state-owned distribution system oriented primarily toward the low-income groups and a flourishing black market aimed at middle- and upper-income groups. The expansion

of the covers of government-appointed Supply and Distribution. Committees (JAPS) to deal with the black-market problem led the opposition to charge political manipulation of food distribution; nonetheless, the government seemed powerless to combat black-market operations.

The Masch 1973 Elections

The congressional elections in March did not resolve anything. Chile's right-wing parties had hoped that food shortages and economic difficulties would produce a two-thirds majority against the government, which might in turn permit the impeachment of the President, but the results, while showing an anti-government majority of 56 percent, gave the Allende regime 44 percent—a larger vote than most observers had predicted. The opposition pointed out that the vote of the pro-government forces had declined from the 50 percent they had registered in the 1971 municipal elections, while the government compared its 44 percent with the 35 percent that Allende had received in 1970. In fact, the day proper basis for comparison was the

¹⁴ The New York Times (New York), Sept. 27, 1973.



Apprehensive middle-class homeowners man a watchtower along a security wall built around their Santiago neighborhood; a Socialist slogan on the cutside of the wall counters with "We Will Win."

-Photo by Santi Visalli for Photoroporters.

1969 congressional elections. On that basis, the leftist parties had suffered a slight loss in votes but had achieved a slight gain in seats. Certain oppositionists later argued that the Left would have suffored much greater losses had it not been for a government-assisted electoral fraud involving some 200,000-300,000 votes, but the statistics presented on support of the argument are unconvincing."

While the government's interpretation of the elec-I tons as proof that it was expanding its popular suptort was not accurate, the election results indicated "at at least it had not lost popularity as rapidly as previous governments faced with similar economic teverses. Despite a wage readjustment in October; trai wages had declined 7 percent in 1972, and ragng inflation continued to consume the wage increase. n early 1973. However, the combination of disreminatory distribution of government-produced grous and appeals to class consciousness seemed to

have stemmed the erosion of support, at least among the masses of the poor.

Unfortunately for the government's longer-range interests, the deliberate accentuation of class consciousness had an opposite effect on the middle class, driving middle-class areas to organize themselves into "Neighborhood Committees" to defend themselves. It also, for the first time, led many to arm themselves for a possible confrontation, which seemed more likely now that the safety valve of an impending election was no longer present. A government proposal to limit full wage readjustments to those making less than three times the minimum wage did nothing to reassure the hostile middleincome groups.

Before the elections, it had been rumored that there might be another attempt in March at an accommodation between the regime and the opposition forces, possibly under the auspices of the military. Any possible accord of this type was quickly prevented by the publication, two days after the elections, of a government decree calling for the initiation in June of a single national unified school system, which would follow a common curriculum including compulsory courses in socialism and work

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periods in factories. The ensuing uproar involved the Catholic Church for the first time in formal opposition to the government and mobilized thousands of secondary school students in violent demonstrations in downtown Santiago. Stories of fierce arguments over the school proposals among the top military officers (the military had left the cabinet after the elections) filtered into the national press, and a military delegation held a formal meeting with the Education Ministry to express their opposition. The controvercy subsided only when the government appointed that the proposal had been postponed, perving further discussion.

Within the government, the debate continued on whether to "consolidate in order to advance" (the Communist position) or to "advance without compromise" (the Socialist stance). One Indication of how the debate was resolved was the decision by the government to use a constitutionally-authorized "decree of indictence" allowing the cabinet to override the rutings of the Controller General of Chile, Hector Humeres, who had disallowed the requisitioning of some of the factories taken over during the October 1972 strike. Conflicts also continued with the judiciary over the executive's refusal to obey court orders to return seized properties. On May 26, the Supreme Court sent a public letter to the President denouncing

... the Illegal attitude of the administration ... (Its) open and continual rebellion against judicial orders ... which signifies a crisis of the rule of law (and) the imminent breakdown of the juridical structure of the country.*

The stalemate between the executive and the Congress over the constitutional amendment on the "Three Areas of Property" was compounded when the Constitutional Tribunal refused to take jurisdiction over the disputed question of whether, in the absence of a prebiscite, the Congress could override the President's item vetoes by a majority or by a two-thirds vote." A second constitutional conflict along the same lines developed when the opposition majority in Congress voted in favor of an amendment to give farms under 40 hectares (about 100 acres) In size an absolute guarantee against expropriation

and to compet the distribution of land in the "reformed" sector to the peasantry after a transitional period of two years. (The government had once again used a loophole in the 1967 law to postpone indefinitely the distribution of expropriated land by individual title.)

In May the official price Index jumped 20 percent, indicating that the inflation was moving into a new hyperindiationary stage. The one effort that the government had made to hold the line—its refusal to grant a full cost-of-living wage increase to the El Teniente copper miners on the grounds that under their contract they had already received partial cost-of-living increases—ted to a bruising two-and-a-half month strike, which included a miners' march on Santiago, mass railies, and simultaneous one-day general strikes for and against the government in mid-June. By that time, Allende was once more ready to resort to military involvement in the cabinet to restore social peace.

Last Stage—Decline and Fall

On June 29, the last act of the Chilean tragedy began with an abortive revolt by the Second Armored Regiment in Santiago. Apparently, several army units had been in contact with Patria y Libertad, a right-wing political organization, and had planned to seize President Allenda at his residence and to occupy the presidential palace. The revolt was canceled one day before it was to occur, but when one of the officers of the Second Armored Regiment was arrested and held in the Defense Ministry, the Regiment decided to free him and in the process to seize the presidential palace as originally planned. General Prats, the Army Communder, used the other military units in Santiago to put down the revolt in a few nours-most of which were spent in negotiation rather than shooting—but not before President Allende had gone on the air to urge "the people" to take over all industries and enterprises as a response. to the uprising of "a small group of rebellious military men." The Central Labor Federation also urged the workers to occupy the factories, and in one day the number of companies taken over by the government rose from 282 to 526. The "Industrial Belts" that had sprung up at the time of the October strike now achieved new importance. The spread of "people's power (poder popular) had been seen by Allende as a deterrent to a possible future coup, but it created many additional problems for the i

¹⁴ Libro Bianco, p. 215.

¹⁹ The term "item veto" reflects the fact that the Chilean president, unlike his US countercent, can veto or even rewrite individual sections of promoted from



Workers in hardhats and bearing pitchforks march in Santiago in support of the Allende administration during brief nationwide strikes by pro- and anti-Marxist elements in mid-June 1973.

-Wide World Photos

government. Production declined sharply after the takeovers, the opposition got fresh fuel for its claim that the expansion of state control of industry was teng carried out through extralegal channels, and "pyler popular"—as expressed in the worker occupations—appeared to some extent to pose a possible inreat of an alternative to the power of the central government

After the June 29 revolt, Allende made new efforts. 13 weure military involvement in the government, but his negotiations with the armed forces were wisuccessful." Instead, they embarked on a policy of vigorous enforcement of the Arms Control Law, a measure which had been adopted in October 1972 but only sporadically enforced thereafter. This law authorized any military or police commanders to carry out arms searches if there was "a presumption, if the clandestine existence of illegal firearms." In tight wing Patria y Libertad organization had taw announced publicly that it was going under-

ground in an attempt to overthrow the government by force, and military Intelligence was also aware of the initiation of arms training by all the government parties, even the centrist Radicals." In the course of their crackdown, the military found arms caches in factories in Santlago and Concepción, and the killing of a worker in one such arms raid provoked protests from the leftist partles.

At this point, the Chilean Communist Party and the Cattolic Church both concluded independently that the only polution to the impasse in Chile was one more attempt at an agreement between the Allende government parties and the Christian Democrats. The Communists Initiated a campaign against civil war altinost simultaneously with a statement by the Chilean hierarchy calling for a renewal of dialogue. Probably in response to these pressures on both sides, two lengthy discussions took place on July 31 between UP and PDC representatives. Both Allende and the Christian Democrats agreed on the necessity of enforcement of the Arms Control Law, but disagreement continued on the constitutional reforms. Allende offered to sign the amendment on the "Three Areas of Property" in return for a constitutional amendment specifying that the Congress could only override presidential vetoes of constitutional amendments by a two-thirds vote. He also proposed the establishment of joint committees to work out further agreements. However, the Christlan Democrats denounced these proposals as "dilatory" and broke off the negotiations.

A few days before the dialogue was initiated, the truckers began another strike, which was to last from July 25 until the coup on September 11. As in October, the truckers were joined by the other gremios. Coming at a time when the 12-month inflation rate, fueled by massive government budget deficits and subsidies to the nationalized industries and agriculture, had reached 323 percent-and in a situation where inventories had not yet been built up from the October strike—the truckers' action created much more serious problems for the government than the earlier strike. This new crisis once again raised the question of military participation in the cabinet, and General Prats persuaded his fellow commanders that It was their patriotic duty to re-enter the cabinet in order to settle the strike.

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²⁴ Allende's personal bodyguard had organized courses in armstranning at his vacation rouse outside of Santiago. The MAPU began armstraining in December 1972, and the Radicals did so in July 1973. The armse forces were aware of his all least by the end of July. See documents in Libro Bianco, pp. 43-45, 192-93, 196-200.



Trucks stand idle outside Valparalso, Chile on September 8, 1973, the 44th day of a paralyzing transportation strike.

On August 9 Allende swore in what he called a "national security cabinet," with General Prats as Defense Minister, Air Force Commander César Ruiz as Minister of Transport (the ministry which would deal with the striking truckers), and the heads of the Navy and of the National Police in other cabinet posts.

Almost coincident with the entrance, of the mil-Itary Into the cabinet, the naval establishment became involved in a serious conflict with the left wing of the Allende coalition. On August 7, the naval Intelligence arm announced the discovery of a plot to carry out an enlisted men's revolt on August 11 in Valparaiso and Concepción. The announcement accused PS Secretary General Carlos Altamirano, MAPU leader Oscar Garreton, and Miguel Enriques. head of the MIR, of being the "intellectual authors" of the revolt and demanded the lifting of the congressional immunity of the first two, who sat respectively in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. Two days before the September coup, Altamirano admitted that he had encouraged navymen to resist their coup-minded (goipista) officers."

This attempt to subvert the hierarchy of a service command from below was combined with maneuvers

by Allende to replace officers unsympathetic to him. When General Ruiz resigned his cabinet post on August 17 in protest against his lack of sufficient power to settle the strike, Allende compelled him to add that his departure from the cabinet "implicitly" carried with it his retirement as Air Force Commander. This was correctly seen as an Allende tactic to remove an officer opposed to him, and it met serious resistance from within the Air Force, provoking a series of actions which ultimately led directly to the September 11 coup.

On August 20, top Air Force officers met to decide whether to resist Allende's action. By evening, Rulz' had persuaded them to accept it on the condition that Allende appoint the second-ranking officer, General Gustavo Leigh, as Air Force Commander and name another Air Force general to the cabinet (so that Allende could not repeat the same maneuver with Leigh). The next night the wives of high-ranking military officers, including those of six generals, gathered in front of General Prats' house to present a letter asking for his resignation. When the demonstration was broken up by police tear gas, it provoked such dissension in the armed forces that on the following day General Prats decided to resign both as Defense Minister and Army Commander. He was joined by two other generals who, with Prats, had led the military forces that had quelled the tank-regiment revolt in June.

The resignation of what appeared to be the last defenders of Allende in the army now meant that all three services were opposed to the President. It coincided with the adoption on the same day of a "sense of the house" (acuerdo) resolution by the Chamber of Deputies directed at the President and the military ministers, drawing their attention to "the serious breakdown of the constitutional and legal order." " The resolution criticized the Allende government for repeatedly bypassing the legislature through the use of legal loopholes and for refusing to promulgate the constitutional reforms voted by the Congress. It accused Allende of ignoring judicial orders, encouraging illegal seizure of property, persecuting opposition labor groups, and supporting illegal paramilitary organizations. In conclusion, it stated that the listed actions constituted a "serious breakdown of the constitutional and legal order of the Republic" and urged the military ministers to "put an end to the de facto situations listed above which violate the Constitution and the law" or be

^{*#*} It was an Indication of the continuing press freedom in Chile that inewsstands in downtown Chile at this time contained a lett-wing publication headlined, "Soldiers, Disobey Your Officers," and a magazine of the extreme Right with the headlines, "The Right-of Repetion," "Rebellion and its Goals," and "Resistance to the Tyrant."

[&]quot;Libro Bianco, pp. 239-42.

guilty of "compromising the national and professional character of the armed forces."

In its original form, the resolution had declared the Allende government to be illegitimate, but the acuerdo had later been softened in order to secure the support of the Christian Democrats. Yet its effect was still to give a congressional green light to the military, and Allende Immediately so interpreted it. He replied to the motion by accusing the Congress of "promoting a coup d'état by asking the military forces to make governmental judgments independently of the authority and direction of the President"; he also pointed out that according to the Constitution the only way that the Congress could decide on the legality of the President's conduct of his office was through impeaclment by a two-thirds vote."

The congressional vote was echoed by several professional associations. The Medical Association called on their "colleague" Allende to resign-a request that was echood by the Federation of Professionals (CUPROCH)---and resignation petitions were circulated in Santiago. The Lawyers' Association Issued a declaration which—"without attributing a malevolent intention" to the President-asserted an "incompatibility between the Institutional framework within which he is supposed to exercise his office. and the actions which he feels obliged to carry out in his program." Arguing that Allende "would appear to be incapacitated (impedido) in the exercise of his functions as he understands them," the statement suggested that he could be removed from office under Article 43 of the Constitution, which authorites the Congress to declare presidential incapacity."

The Coup

Exactly when the decision to carry out the coup was made is not yet certain, but it evidently was reached in the days following Prats' resignation. The armed forces had contingency plans for the control of vital points throughout the country in case of any emergency, and it only required a signal to

put them into operation, mence the actual seizure of control required little preparation.

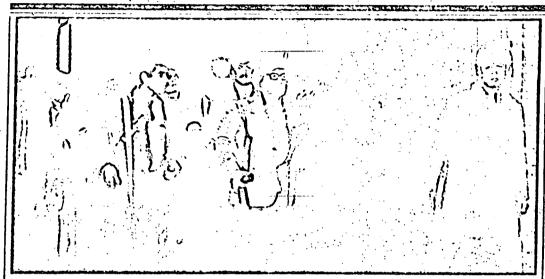
After the resignations of the third week of August, Allende restructured his cabinet without the top military commanders but still retained representatives of the armed forces in ministerial posts. Over the opposition of other PS leaders, he appointed as Minister of the Interior his Socialist colleague Carlos Briones, who was known to be interested in another attempt at accommodation with the Christian Democrats. The president also canceled a projected trip to the Conference of Non-Aligned Nations in Algiers. The government and the opposition again staged rival demonstrations in connection with the third anniversary of the 1970 presidential elections.

On the weekend before the coup, the Christian Democrats called all previncial party leaders to a meeting at which a proposal was adopted for the simultaneous resignation of the Congress and the President and for new elections to resolve the con-



Gen. Carlos Prats, then Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army and Minister of Defense, leaves the President Palace on August 15, 1973, after a conference on the transport crisis.

[&]quot;If Mercurio (International Edition) Aug. 20-26, 1973, p. 5. The rean of the Christian Democratic Party told the New York Times for the armed forces favor anything but a winder solution to Chile's political crisis" but emphasized that the only day to avoid a breakdown of the Constitution was the accommend of military men in at least six cabinet posts, as well as many unharsecretary positions and as heads of the child government agencies. The New York Times, Aug. 27, 1973, p. 12.



Salvador Allende hurries through the corridors of the Presidential Palace with his personal bodyguard on the morning of September 11, 1973, shortly before taking his own life during the military coup d'état.

-Photo by The New York Times.

flict between the executive and legislative branches. During the same weekend, Allende met with the leaders of his Popular Unity coalition and called for the holding of a plebiscite on his conduct of office. Although this step was reportedly opposed by the Socialists, Briones subsequently asserted that Allende planned to announce the plebiscite in a radio address at noon on the day of the coup."

Meantime, after a stormy session with Allende on September 7, the military commanders proceeded on Sunday, September 9, to draft the text of the pronunciamiento issued on September 11. They did not secure the agreement of the National Police until early on the morning of the coup itself, and only after the fourth-ranking officer in seniority had taken over the position of police commander.*

On September 10, Navy units set sail from Valparaíso for previously scheduled maneuvers, but that evening they returned to port and by early morning of the 11th had seized control of that city. Concepción, the third-ranking city in Chile and a

known center of leftist activism, was taken over without a hitch. Santiago required a few hours longer,

To justify their action, the military commanders broadcast a communiqué to the nation. While admitting that the Allende government had initially come to power by legal means, they announced that it had "fallen into flagrant illegitimacy" by violating fundamental rights, by "artificially fomenting the class struggle," by refusing to implement the decisions of the Congress, the judiciary and the Controller-General, by causing a critical decline in agricultural, commercial and industrial activity in the country, and by bringing about a state of inflation and anarchy which "threaten the internal and external security of the country." The coup leaders concluded:

These reasons are sufficient in the light of classical doctrine . . . to justify our intervention to depose a government which is illegitimate, immoral, and unrepresentative of the overwhelming sentiment of the nation."

At 9:30 a.m., when it was apparent that no one but the GAP, his personal bodyguard, was ready to defend him. Allende broadcast his last message to

[#]P Information from the author's personal interviews with Patricio Aylwin, Jan. 11, 1974, and Carlos Briones, Jan. 14, 1974. #P Accounts of pre-coup military activities appear in 7th Christy

⁴⁹ Accounts of pre-coup military activities appear in The Christian Science Monitor (Boston), Sept. 17, 1973; The Wair Street Auchai (New York), Sept. 25, 1973, Le Monde (Paris), Dec. 19, 1973, and Robert Moss, "Chile's Coup and After," Encounter (London), March 1974, pp. 72-80.

²⁹ Libro Bianco, pp. 248-49.

the Chilean people over the single pis. Allende rádio station that had not yet been shut down by the military. He began:

This is surely the last time that I will be able to speak to you. . . . My words are not spoken in bitterness. but disappointment. In the face of these events I can only say to the workers, "I am not going to resign." At this historic juncture I will pay with my life for the loyalty of the people.

Blaming "foreign capital, Imperialism, and reaction" for persuading the armed forces to break with their tradition, he said:

History will judge them. . . . My voice will no longercome to you, but it does not matter. You will continue to hear it; it will always be among you. At the least, you will remember me as an honorable man who was loyal to the revolution."

At 11:00 a.m., the coup leaders permitted those who wished to do so to leave the building, andexcept for his personal secretary-all the women, Including Allende's pregnant daughter, left. The military also offered the President and his family safe conduct out of the country if he would surrender. Allende rejected the offer. The Air Force then sent in Hawker Hunter bombers, which repeatedly hit the palace with rockets and set fire to large portions of it. Finally, shortly after 1:30 p.m., Allende decided to discontinue the resistance, and the members who had been with him left the building in single file, led by the secretary carrying a white flag. Allende stayed behind and, sitting on a sofa in a reception room on the second floor, put two bullets into his head. The automatic rifle that he used was a gift from Fidel Castro."

Conclusions

Since the coup, comments in the world press representing widely divergent political postures have cited the Chilean case as proof that the hope of achieving Marxist socialism through democratic means is a vain one. Yet most people have failed to note two fundamental errors of the Allende policy, neither of which was essentially related to the attempt to establish democratic socialism:

(1) As noted at the outset, the very quotation from l'Engels that Allende cited at the beginning of his | 1974, p. v.s.

administration to justify ocourse states as a prerequisite "the support of the majority of the people." Allende acted as if he had that support; but even at the highest point of his popularity in the April 1971 elections, he never achieved it. Moreover, his policy of deliberate class polarization, aimed at expanding his electoral base, was more successful in pitting professional and middle-class groups against him than in widening his support among workers, peasants and low-income groups.

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2) Markist economists and policymakers have always placed primary emphasis on investment and the expansion of the productive capacity of the economy. By contrast, the Allende policymakers emphasized increases in consumption and combined this with a headlong rush to take over industry and agriculture—a course far removed from the "two steps forward, one step back" of Lenin. The consequences of these policies after their deceptive initial success were massive government deficits, runaway inflation, and a near-breakdown of the economy. (The argument that Allende's economic problems were the result of a shortage of foreign credit does not really hold water, since they were caused by policies initiated before the foreign squeeze and since, in any event, Allende's regime managed to secure enough foreign credits from Latin American, European, Soviet and Chinese sources to Increase the Chilean foreign debt from \$2.6 billion to \$3.4 billion in less than three years. Much of the new indebtedness was to Western Europe and other Latin American countries. Surprisingly, Chile's debt to the USSR, China and Eastern Europe Increased only from \$9 million to \$40 million between 1970 and 1973.")

30 Translated from the transcript of the tape recording of the speech published in Ricardo Boizard, El Ultimo Dia de Allende (The Last Day of Allende), Santiago, Editorial de Pacífico, 1973, pp. 53-55.

31 On Allende's suicide, see the medical report in El Mercurio (International Edition), Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 1973, pp. 1 and 7. The eyewitness testimony of one of the President's personal physicians, who entered the room immediately thereafter, is published in Ercilla, Jan. 2-8, 1974 pp. 10-13, Allende's widow has asserted that witnesses told her they had seen bullet wounds in his chest and stemach. A supposed account by a personal bodyguard circulated in Mexico and elsewhere describing his murder contains numerous factual errors and describes events which could not have taken place because of the physical design of the building. On this and many other myths of Lett and Right concerning the overthrow of Allende, see Paul E. Sigmund, "Allende through the Myths," Worldview (New York) April 1974 pp. 16-21.

34 Secretaria, Cómité Interamericano de la Alianza para el Progreso (CIAP), El Estuerzo Interno y las Necesidades de Financiamiento Externo para el Desarrollo de Chile (Domestic Efforts and the Needs for External Financing for the Development of Chile), Washington, DC,

Specific aspects of the Chilean system also made the Allende experiment a particularly difficult one. He was able to come to power in the first place because of Chile's deeply-rooted commitment to the democratic system and because the Marxist parties were able to mobilize a part of the proletariat and the peasantry, and he had at his disposal many instruments for state control of the economy which had been developed by previous administrations since the 1930's. However, he was required to operate within an institutional system which included frequent and staggered elections, proportional representation, and a multiparty system which made majority rule very difficult and often gave veto powers to the extremes of Right and Left. The economy had been characterized for nearly a century by a chronic tendency to inflation, and successive governments had consistently ignored agriculture in the Interest of securing urban electoral support. The most important systemic constraint of all, of course, was the existence of a professionalized and institutionally-loyal military which was unresponsive to the ideological blandishments of the Left."

The immediate causes of the military intervention are apparent from the preceding account. In the last part of 1972, the military were drawn into Chilean politics by both sides and became as polarized as the rest of Chilean society-with the overwhelming majority joining the opposition to Allende. The conflict over education in March-April 1973 heightened that polarization just at the time the military were attempting to extricate themselves from political involvement. Then the expansion of arms searches in mid-1973 revealed the extent to which Chile was becoming an armed camp on the verge of civil war. Finally, the efforts to subvert the existing military hierarchy by a combination of leftist activity among entisted men and presidential maneuvering with promotions and retirements provided the classis scenario for a coup d'état."

at the Socialists aways believed that they could convert the military to their outlook. This is strikingly revealed in Socialist Party documents published in the Libra Branco, pp. 124-30.

One can also relate Allende's difficulties to the inherent contradictions in the Marxist theory to which he appealed. At the same time that he proclaimed his faith in a democratic, pluralist and libertarian transition to socialism, many of his Marxist-supparters spoke and acted on the basis of a belief in the inevitability of armed confrontation. With his knowledge, they armed themselves and-what was worse-talked incessantly about revolution. The repeated statements of Regis Debray and others that the observance of the rules of "bourgeois" legality was only a tactic until the balance of forces had improved was hardly likely to persuade doubters of the sincerity of Allende's commitment to democracy. When the importation and distribution of arms was combined with efforts to reorganize education along ideological lines, to subvert military discipline, and to rearrange the hierarchy of command, it is not altogether surprising that the military finally took action.

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A positive evaluation of the Allende years would certainly credit him with a sincere effort to raise the living standards of low-income groups and to involve them actively in the determination of their own future. It would likewise stress the continued existence of freedom of expression for all points of view in Chile right up to the coup. A more negative assessment would ask whether the low-income groups in Chile genuinely benefited from an econemic policy which after the first half of 1972 produced hyperinflation, a continuous drop in agricultural and industrial production, and a reduction in the real value of wages and salaries. Even more critically, one could inquire who has suffered the most in economic and in human terms as a result of the breakdown of the Chilean system-the Marxist politicians, many of whom were able to escape or go into exile, or the workers, peasants and slumdwellers they claimed to represent, who are now paying the price of the Allende regime's mistakes in the form of the hardships imposed by sharply reduced consumption and the strictures of draconian military rule.

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Kremin's Hand in Allente's Chile

by JAMES THEBERGE

Why did Salvador Allende's revolutionary government end in a bloodbath despite Soviet support and the plaudits of the world's left-wing extremists, who saw in Chile a new puth for Socialism's merch to power?

James Theherge, who is Director of the Latin American Department of the Georgetown University Center for Strategie and International Studies, shows how Moscow, the "hig brother", though eager to explain this opening in Latin America to the full, disagreed with Allende's heedlong methods, and while warning him of the growing economic chaos deried him enough financial eid.

In 1935, Moscow dispatched Eudocio Ravines, a brilliant Peruvian Communist organiser, to Chilo to implement the "united front" and "enti-fascist popular front" strategy that had replaced the ultra-loft strategy of the Communist, Since that time the Childen Communist party generally has followed a strategy of broad alliance and limited alms, although the Cuban revolution led to a radicalisation of party strategy.

The Chilean Communist party, one of the most loyal pro-Soviet parties in Latin America, gave unqualified support to the Soviet bloc invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. White its fortunes have shifted through the years as a result of domestic and international developments, it unstintingly supported the twists and terms of Soviet foreign policy and repeated Moscow's themes of anti-importalism and class warfare.

The party, at least prior to the military intervention of September, 1973, was the best organ-Ised and strongest in Lotin America. Between 1956 and 1969 it formed an unessy alliance for electoral purposes with the Socialist Party, its more militant Marxist rival on the Left. But in 1969 the Communists decided that a much more broadly based alliance of lattening forces was necessary for the transformation of the country Into a socialist state and they played a key role In the founding of the Popular Unity Front (a coalition of six leftist parties) as the end of that year. After the 1970 electoral victory of the Popular Unity Front under Salvador Allando the Communists became the single most influential force within the coalition. It was a for better organised and disciplined participant than its closest rival, the more ideologically unstable and militant Socialist Party.

The ultimate aim of the party did not waver throughout the Allanda period. The Communists hoped to be able to take advantage of the weakness of the democratic institutions to install a "dictatorship of the profession" under their direction. Their Secretary-Guneral, Eduardo Labarca, made this clear in his Correla 27 Hores (Santiago, Editorial Guinaretti, 1972), in which he declared: "For us the past from capital-

Isin to Socialism necessarily requires that the prolotariat be converted into the leading class, into the determining social force".

The Communist strategy, shared by Salvador Allerida and the "moderate" wing of the Socialist Party, was to "counthrow" the bourgeois state and constitution, using the legal device of the plebiscite. In an interview with Régis Debray in 1971 Allenda said: "As for the bourgeois state at the present moment, we are seeking to overcome it. To overthrow it!" (Régis Debray, The Chilean Revolution, Conversations with Allenda, New York, Random House, 1971 p.82).

Mass mobilisation. Infiltration of Chilean institutions and tactical alliances with the opposition were to be employed to generate sufficient popular apport. Congress was to be replaced by a "popular appear tribunals." President Allende's piedge to uphold the "Statute of Guarantees" (designed to commit his government to preserve Chile's democratic freedoms and institutions in exchange for Congressional support) was simply a "tactical recessity" to gain power, as he explained later.

The Chilean Communists and their allies in Moscow were uneasy about the ideological implications of the via Chilena as advocated by Salvador Allenda (Debray, p.119). The Communist party refused to endorse the via, Chilena as a uniquely Chilean path to socialism, which implied that it might not necessarily assume the leading role after complete power was gained by the Popular Unity coalition. The Children party supported Moscow's doctrine of the via pacifica, which accepted free elections and popular pluralion as a short-term tactical device under Chilean conditions but aimed in the long run at installing a Soviet-style Communist dictatorship. The via pacifica was not as "pacific" as the slogan implied: it embraced all forms of class conflict and violence short of armed insurrection and civil war in the process of establishing the "dictatorship of the profetariat."

Misleading Image

The via Chilena proclaimed by Allende scon after his election was widely misundersteed in the West. The image that was officially propagated was that of a uniquely Chilean path to a new type of Marxist-humanist socialism, where team liberties, economic pluralism and free elections were respected by all. Western liberals were led to believe that the Allende government was constructing a new Western-European type of democratic edicatism in Chile. This image clashed with the reality of Salvador Allende's revolutionary ambition to use Chile's pluralist democracy to destroy it. He seemed to have abandoned the via Chilena formula during the last year of his government. Not only clid he rerely

employ it in his speeches but the importance of preserving "democracy, pluralism and liberty" was conspicuously absent.

The government's policy was very much to Moscow's liking: secure of US investments, the espousal of the doctrine of "ideological plural-tam" (relations with all states regardless of Ideology and internal political character), closer relations with the socialist camp, and the fostering of an "anti-imperialist (anti-US) front in Latin America.

Under the Allende regime, foreign policy was reoriented, and the previously close ties with the United States were replaced by strong political, economic and scientific ties with the "socialist countries," above all with Cuba and the USSR. The first trip of the Fereign Minister, Clodomiro Almeyda, outside of Latin America was to the USSR and Eastern Serepe, in May-June, 1971, President Allenda visited Moscow in December, 1972. Strong idealogical and personal ties linked the Childen Communist party leaders with the Soviet party leadership and Salvador Allende with Fidel Castro.

President Allenda's description of the USSR as Chila's "hig brother" (hermano mayor) was no mere figure of speech but reflected the expectation of his government that the USSR would become the most important socialist ally of the revolution and the main economic bulwark of the regime. Moscow did, in fact, become the most Important source of socialist camp accomic aid and credits to the Papular Unity government, totalling \$620.0 million (\$156.5 million in shortterm bank credit and \$463.5 million in project ald and supplier credits) in the 1971-73 period. The USSR authorised \$260.5 million in credits (\$98.5 million in short-term credit and \$162.0 million in economic aid) to the Allenda regime. most of which was never utilised. This was far from the massive help Allende needed, But Moscow was under no illusion that its economic cooperation would decisively influence the Immediate prospects for radical social and economic transformation, although it no doubt helped reduce Chile's dependence on the United States.

Soviet influence expanded rapidly as a result of the Chilean Communist party's loyalty to the USSR and the expansion of Soviet-Chilean economic, technical, scientific, cultural, and fisheries cooperation made possible by the victory of the Communist-Socialist regime. But Moscow became increasingly alarmed at the deterioration of the economic situation, the violent clashes of the ultra-left and the ultra-right, and the growing organisation of opposition forces, particularly after the Popular Unity government failed in the March, 1973, elections to obtain the majority electoral support required to transform

the political and economic structure by peachful, constitutional means.

Nevertheless, Moscow was not willing to provide the massive short-term commedity essistance (such as foodstuffs) or untied convertible currency credits which the regime needed to finance the import of food, space parts, and machinery to alleviate local shortages. Moscow's \$98.5 million in short-term bank credits was no doubt helpful but paled into insignificance before the need to finance Chile's Import requirements, which, for food alone, were running at the rate of about \$700 million a year when the Allenda regime collapsed. The Soviet leadership told Chilean Communist and Popular Unity officials that the main effort to improve the economic situation would have to be made by the Allenda gow ernment; Moscow repeatedly stressed that the Popular Unity government must reverse the calamitous decline in production and productivity to have a chance of winning over a majority of the Chileans to the cause of socialism.

Refusing to give Allenda the hard currency credits he needed to improve his worsening chances for survival, Moscow contented itself with organising solidarity meetings at home and abroad in the hope that these demonstrations would "reach the ears of the Chilean people" (Moscow Radio 13 August 1973). Allende's loyal ally and "big brother" was willing to self Soviet machinery and equipment to him—that is, expend Soviet exports financed by long-term credits—but denied him the short-term hard currency credits he desperately needed.

A combination of circumstances — Moscow's costly entanglement in Cuba, economic difficulties at home, shortages of grain and foreign exchange — led the USSR to eschew massive short-term aid to Chile and to counsel a policy of self-help to the Allenda regime — a theme repeated frequently by the Chilean Communist party leadership when referring to Soviet assistance. In the final analysis Moscow watched idly while the via pacifica was destroyed by the disastrous economic policies, the circumvention of the laws, and the tacit encouragement of the ultra-left by President Allenda and the Popular Unity government.

Moscow pursued a dual strategy in Chile. At the level of state-to-state relations it acted cautiously, adopted a non-interventionist posture, and encouraged anti-Americanism and independence from the United States. Since it realised that the internal balance of forces did not favour the armed struggle, the Popular Unity leadership has urged to maintain internal unity, reject the "provocative and adventurous" overtures of the ultra-left, avoid actions that might provoke a civil war or military intervention, edopt a more rational economic policy, and consolidate the initial gains of the revolution.

At the same time, Moscow did nothing to restrain direct Cuban involvement in the Chilean revolution. Protected by a friendly, Marxist-dominated government and its Marxist President, Cuba transported large quantities of Soviet and Crocheslovak-supplied weapons to the radical left in Chile on the Cuban airline airl merchant ships.

^{*}See Deuds Externa de Chile, Tomo V, Departamento de Créditos Externos, CORFO, Santiago, 1973, for full deteils.

It also established a guerrit's training base and coordinating centre in Crule. The large intelligence team in the Osben Embassy in Cantiago maintained linison with the liberation movement in Argentina. Bolivia, and Urusuay, Gubn's Soviet-controlled Intelligence service. Direction General de Intelligencia (DGI), also had close tios with the Chilean ultra-leftist and other revolutionary exile groups, providing them with training, arras and funds for the armed struggle in Chile and other Latin American countries.

Revolutionaries Trained

Soviet army personnel were directly involved In the training of worker-revolutionaries for urban guerrilla warfare. This occurred during 1972-73 at El Belloto, near Valparaiso, where the USSR had installed a factory for the manufacture of prelabricated housing. The firm (KPD) employed sixteen Russians, four of whom were engineers and technicians; the remaining twolve were Soviet army officers. After working hours, these twelve officers instructed a hard-core of speciallyselected worker-revolutionaries in the use of arms, street fighting and urban querrilla tactics. The Russian-built factory was kept under constant surveillance by Chile's naval intelligence. On the morning of 11 September 1973, naval intelligence arrested the Russians and three days later expolled them from the country*.

This clandestine involvement in training guerrillas in Chile was an exception to Moscow's official line of giving full support to the legal and peaceful path to socialism, But the Soviet leadership operates on the principle that since every eventuality connot be foresten it is better to take advance measures which might "contradict" the official line than to be scrry later. In Chile there clearly were some advantages in having some armed revolutionaries under direct Soviet control: Moscow would be able to retain some measure of influence over the ultra-left, particularly important in the event that this faction was able to seize power. As it turned out, Russia's "united front" tactics failed, and the armed struggle was aborted by the Chilean military.

Soviet Industrial Espionage

The Soviet Union made every effort to extract the maximum advantage from its technical assistance programme. It assigned 46 technicians to the nationalised cooper industry to help raise productivity, all of whom were engaged in industrial espionage. They were far more interested In gaining first-hand knowledge of the advanced US mining equipment and methods of operation than in assisting Chilash development. Anches Zauschquevich, executive vice-president of the copper corporation, told me in December 1973 that the specialists during their two-year stay contributed nothing to the improvement of mining operations and were mainly occupied in gathering specifications of American equipment, obtaining Information on mining techniques and organisation, and collecting data on costs and product-

Moscow was also especially interested in fisheries and fishery-related (oceanographic, hydrographic and marine biological research) assignance to Chilo. Fisheries aid gave the Russian's access to Childan ports for its fishing, oceanographic and other vessel.

the Chileans with a Soviet maritime presence: The growing presence in Chilean waters, around the Cape and in sub-Antarctic waters provided a cover- for gathering intelligence and oceanographic data of use to the Soviet pavy.

The Soviet Union offered to supply \$300 million in military equipment to Allende in 1971. but the military refused the offer and desided to continue to obtain arms from the United States and other Western suppliers. The anti-Communist military were disturbed by the despening economic and political violence under the Popular Unity government, and were anxious not to weaken their military ties with the United States and Wastern Europe by turning to the Soviet Union for arms, Miscow had hoped to establish an important precedent for supplying arms to non-Communist countries in Latin America and further weaken Washington's already strained relations with the Latin American military, Despite the coolness of official US-Chilean relations, the United States continued to maintain friendly relations with the Chilean military.

The Kremlin was very much aware of the weakness of the Allende regime, flot only was it a minority government (in 1970, 36% and, in 1973, 43% of the electorate supported the Popular Unity coalition) but the armed forces and powerful national police were strongly anti-Communist. Since the "democratic forces" lacked full political and economic power, Moscow favoured a gradual take-over by the Communists and avoidance of civil war or military confrontation at all costs. Both the ultra-laft and ultra-right epponents of Allenda were attacked regularly in . the Soviet press, But the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), an ultra-left group that pursued the armed path and hoped to defeat the opposition forces in a violent confrontation, was singled out for particularly scathing criticism. It was charged with "revolutionary adventorism". contributing to political instability and harming the prospects of survival of the Popular Unity government.

From mid-1972 onwards, Moscow realised that the opposition to the Allenda government was growing and widespread. It was only the shrewd and dilatory personality of Allenda—skilled in maintaining a balance between the disruptive forces within his own government—that held together the disintegrating fabric of society. There was Soviet criticism of the irrational economic management, declining agricultural and industrial production, accelerating inflation, and the worsening balance of payments.

Soviet observers advised a slower take-over of the economy, nationalising the large firms first but leaving the smaller and medium-sized firms alone for the time being. In the last months before the military coup they saw the handwriting on the wall and urged a consolidation of the economic gains already achieved, collaboration with the opposition political parties (especially the Christian Democrats), and avoidance of armed conflict.

^{*}Ercilla (Santiago), 10-16 October 1973, and author's interviews with the Chilean military high commend, Decare.

Collapse of Socialist 'Model'

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The Soviet policy vis a-vis Chile emphasised cooperation in the political field, the foreign of an anti-US front with Chile, Peru and Cuba, and expansion of trade and aid relations while refraining from polemics and interfering in Chile's Internal affairs (mainly through its influence over the Chilean Communist Party). The Chilean Communists were given moral and material support for widening the base of support of the regime. but it made no difference to the final outcome. The weakness of the Allenda regime, its fateful Internal contradictions, official connivence in the arming and violence of the ultra left, the Weimartype inflation and food shortages, the growing political polarisation and violence, and the fateful alienation of the armed forces were the duclaive conditions that triggered the coup d'état that led to Alienda's downfall and replacement by a military junta on 11 September, 1973.

Moscow was deeply disturbed but not especially surprised. TASS admitted on 20 September 1973 that the "Chilean experience was bitter and dramatic," and Fidel Captro declared that he was very upset by events in Chile" (the new military Junta had immediately broken off relations with Havana). Moscow severed diplomatic relations with Santiago and withdrow its ambassador and embassy staff because of alleged persecution of Soviet officials by the Junta. After less than a week in power, Chila's new military government began to feel the full blast of Soviet displeasure and frustration, expressed in a well-orchestrated and sustained propaganda campaign aimed at Isolating and discrediting the regime.

The Soviet media accused the junta of "persocuting left-wingers with unparalleled cruelty' (Moscow Radio, 18 September 1973), There were reports in Prayda on 26 September that "the streats of Sentiago were flowing with biood" and the radio spoke of "tens of thousands of Chilean democrats" killed. Salvador Allende was alternatively reported to have been "murdered in cold

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Argentine Manager Murdered

BUENOS AIRES-Gunmen killed the labor rolations manager of a French. owned auto plant in Cordoba yesterday, and Privadent Maria Estela Peron spoke out against the recent "cowardly and mercenary ossassinations" in Argen-

The extreme leftist Perop-1st Armed Forces elvined responsibility for the cath of IKA Renault official Rieardo Goya, 35, saying it

was "the Peronist workers" answer to the enemies of our class."

A two-month slowdown at the Renault plant climaxed Monday with ouster of leftist leaders of the auto union. Workers hattled police last night on the streets of Cordoba.

Mrs.; Peron, in her first speech from the palace balcony that her late husband, President Juan D. Peron of-ten used as a rostrum, declared:

"Many people think that because I am a woman I cannot rule . . . but with this fraulte appearance I have committed ingself." Her denunciation of the political killings came in a talk earlier with, provincial gover-

blood" or to have died a hero's death, resisting the rebels to the very end. Allende's residence was alleged to have been "wiped off the face of the earth." The junta was shooting at women and children in an attempt to intimidate the people. On 20 October TASS indignantly blamed the CIA, Chilean "reaction" and "American monopolies" for organising the military coup. And according to a Mescew broadcast even Leonid Brezhnev, not known for his devotion to Western democracy, expressed horror at the "monstrous, completely open violation of a country's constitution, the unceremonious floating of the democratic traditions of an entire nation."

The overthrow of the Allende government was a bitter but not entirely unexpected setback for Moscow's united front tactics in Latin America, and had adverse repercussions for Marxist parties elsewhere in the West, Communists and Socialists in France and Italy who had earlier pointed to Chile as a model of the peaceful transeavierment agagnetib or beyom mailaises to notif from the Allende disaster, Instead of leading to socialism, united front tactics in Chile ushered in a period of unparalleled political violence, encrmous suffering for Chile's workers and middle class, and the worst economic crisis in its history.

Soviet designs for Chile to serve as the vanguard of the anti-US front in Latin America ended in a complete fiasco and left a deep impression on the non-Communist political parties and the armed forces in the region, It reminded them of the grave risks of entering into an atliance with totalitarian parties. Despite protestations to the contrary, Marxist governments are driven inexorably to violate pledges to uphold the constitution, to destroy the private sector of the economy, and ultimately to install a totalitarian dictatorship.

Authoritative statements of the Chilean Communist Party's position under the Altende regime can be found in Labarca's Corvalan 27 Horas and Luis Corvalan's Camino de Victoria, (Santiago, 1971).

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SPARSE AUDIENCE HEARS MRS. PERON

Only a Few Thousand Attend workers in Couloba, 400 miles Her First Public Rally

By JONATHAN KANDELL

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Guan Domingo Perón. had! drawn scores of thousands of supporters on numerous occa-

The event was marred by the: Government's mounting prob-

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unionists and avoided photographing the empty stretches

One of the organizers of the rally asserted that it was successful considering that only two unions-the light and poweum workers-were suprosed to attend. But he acknowledged that "Peron would never have addressed so small a crowd."

The chief focus of political increst in the country has been Cordoba, the so, and largest During the upheaval, right-wing trade unionists also

the scene of repeated incidents The pumphiet read, in part, days ago, the Labor Ministry de-

BALTIMORE SUN 28 August 1974

Forecast is cloudy for By RICHARD ONARA Bolivia's Banzer

Rio de Janitro Hutenu of Tire Sun Rio de Janeiro-Opposition is growing against the continuation in office of President Hugo Banzer of Bolivia. But obertyers are divided over whether General Banzer will end his tenure legally, through elec-tions promised for next year. or by the usual mechanism for transfering power in Bolivia-

by dancing in the street; during a massive celebration of the coup d'eigt that departed dissension within the mili-:Gen. Juan Jose Torres Aug. tary.

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president, Rene Barrientos.

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sent into exile to Paraguay querters. and Argentina, According to reports from Argentina, many of these officers have been returning to Bolivia clandestine y.

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Argentine Left Clings to Hold On University

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BUENOS AIRUS—The en- by a Cultural Revolution trances and indivious of the University of Buenos Aires

Will newspapers full if

meetings" hang from the high ceilings to the floors. Corners and columns are plastered with porters that urge the defense of the revolution or quote Gen. Juan D. Peron, the Argentine populist leader who died in office as president on July L.

Dutside, people walk past without seeming to notice. But inside, behind the posters, the young people who believed Perion's return to power in Argentina last year meant a giant step to ward socialism are trying to hold on to their last stronghold the university.

Showly, but inexorably, the government let, behand

university asiministration and student body. Peronist professors see that President Maria Estela Peron, the leader's widow and succersor, is following a line laid down by Peron: To ease the Marxist left out of the Perorist movement. This means winning back control of the University of Buenos Aires-whose student body of almost 200,0-0 makes it be far the largest in the country-from the Perenist lettwin2.

The university has been a occiorian political battleground for more than a year. Entrance policies, the curriculum necessi admices Harron to dischess selections

The university, an urban campus with old and semimotion buildings scattered throughout the city, is or-ganized along European lines. Eleven separate faculties, like separate colleges, educate lawyers doctors. agronomists and liberal professionals. Each gives two years of basic college education. Seven years ago, after a violent university purge by Argentina's military gov-ernment, many parts of the curricula separate were shaped to American models.

When the Peronists returned to power last May, young leftist leaders loyal to Peron were given the university as their share of the new government. It changed

almost overnight.

Entrance examinations were abolished and all high school graduates were of-fered admission. One year later, 85,000 new students had entered and the enrollment had doubled.

There are so many neo. ple now, it seems that even the rats from the basement take exams," said a fourthyear philosophy student.

Professors with connec-tions to the military government or fore in companies were dismissed. Fourteen were fired from the faculty of economics alone. The university broke off assistance and exchange agreements with the Ford Foundation. the University of California and Rutgers, and opened new programs with universi-tics in Peru, Algeria and Mexico.

Courses of study were changed. Traditional philosonly courses were replaced, In part, by studies of South American politicians and Peron's dectrine. In an introductory architecture

course a slide show alternates views of a new Shorn. ton botel here with pictures of the cardial's shanty-towns and is followed by a discussion of American imperial-ism in Argentina,

"Last year we had Samuelson, this year we had Lensaid a second-year student of economics, "It's re-ally interesting, We learned how Samuelson's book (An Introduction to Economies by Paul A. Samuelson, an introductory text widely used in the United States and some foreign countries), used all those graphs and countries). curves to prove that imperialism was necessary. Oh, not directly, but subtly, you know."

We took out Samuelson but we did not replace him with Lenin or Marx." Oscar Sbarra Mitre, the Mycarold dean of the economics the ulty, said during an inter-view. He explained that there is now no single textbook for the two-year introductory course, but rather a reading list with a majority of Latin American authors. Marx-as well as John Maynard Keynes—shows up as an individual theorist, but not as the last word.

The shift from studies designed to produce executives for giant companies to a more populist and national outlook. Sharra Mitre said, is better exemplified by the course called "History of the Union Move-ment and Labor Relations," which replaced a course on personnel management.

It was not educational policy, however, but pure polities that turned the university into a left-wing redoubt defying the Peronist government. A basic university law, laying down the rules

for Buchos Aires and the eight other campuses of the snational university system. passed concress by a large majority late last year with the support from non-Peronist parties. The law embodied the basic changes that had begun at Buenos Aires.

Meanwhile, a majority faction in the Peronist Peronist yours movement backed by two urban guerrilla groups that had fought the military government under Peron's banner, had made the university here their power base. They proclaimed a government program that smacked heartily of Marx-Ism-Leninism and, in effect. challenged Peron for leadership of his movement.

"Lock, these people are anything but Peronists," Gen. Peron said last February, when he first began trying to separate his movement's youth wing from the leaders born of the guerrilla movement who call themselves Montoneros. .
"Before thinking about

getting organized,we've got to think how it can be a true organization and not a sack full of cats who will start showing their claws pretty soon," Peron told leaders of the youth wing. He asked them to reorganize themselves and expel the Marxists. "That's why this purification is necessary," he said.

The purification Peron wanted has been thwarted, in part by government refuetance to drive the whole youth wing into open revolt. and in part by students from the University of Buenos Aires. Twice, since April, they have marched into the streets to protest the appointment of new deans and have forced the government to back down.

A week ago they took over 10 of the 11 faculties in a move to hold onto the temporary university rector, Raul Laguzzi, 32, a professor of pharmacy who is loyal to the Montoneros. And, inside the faculties, it often seems as if one is inside Peron's "sack of cats."

At the medical faculty recently, students who still proclaim loyalty to Peron started playing the Peronist marching song on a loudspeaker system. A faction that stands further to the left put on the Internationale, the Communist hymn, and turned up the volume on their own sound system. The Peronists turned up their volume, and so it went, to ear-shattering levels.

"It isn't bad once you get above the second floor.' professor of neurobiology said.

Slowly the university erisis seems to be heading for some kind of resolution. A week ago, President Maria Estela Peron named a new minister of education. He is expected to name a new rector, Student street demonstrations have been quickly and sharply put down by police. The same demonstrations were tolerated by her late husband.

There have been some hints that the government will try to defuse the crisis by unraveling Peronist politics and the quarrel with the Montoneros from university

policies.
"We're waiting to see who the new rector will be," said a young professor. "That should clear up something. In the meantine, if you're thinking of building a house in Argentina, get an old architeet."

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Allende & the Myth Makers

Political Realism & Revolutionary Romance

prizzino as it may seem to say so when the bloodshed of the Chilean coup d'état is still so keenly remembered and the generals who made it are riding unpleasantly high, the fact remains that Selvador Allende died a lucky man. In life he was a failure, Both his policies and his country were chattered long before the end. But in death he achieved success beyond his dream. Instantly canonised as the Western world's "newest left-wing martyr, he became overnight the most potent political cult-figure since his old friend. Che Guevara.

To some extent, of course, the congregation had already been prepared for this posthumous elevation. In the three years of Allende's administration the "Chilean experiment" and the "Chilean road to socialism" had become favourite topics of discussion among left-wing groups in Europe, where Chile's supposed resemblance to Italy or France had encouraged the belief that Purope might, for once, follow in Latin America's footsteps instead of the other way about. Many aspiring revolutionaries from Europe and the United States had actually joined their Latin American counterparts in Chile in much the same spirit as their droppedout contemporaries had hitch-hiked to Nepal boping for a glimpse of Paradise in action. By the time of the September coup the military junta claimed there were as many as 15,000 foreigners of all kinds in Chile, actively supporting-sometimes with violence—the "socialist revolution."

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These specially interested groups or individuals obviously provided a ready network for international propaganda in the aftermath of Allende's death. But the shocked and, at times, almost hysterical reaction to the coup went far beyond such committed parties to embrace many of the West's ordinary liberals and social democrats. For them, as much as for the self-styled revolutionaries, it seemed, a bright light of world-wide hope had been extinguished in Santiago; and from Washington to Rome, via Paris, Bona and London, anguished cries of "Foulf" rent the air.

Revolt Against the Ballot Box" for which the Chilean armed forces could offer no excuse (The Guardian, 12'9/73); as a "Disaster in Chile" that would "set back the cause of socialism and democracy everywhere" (New Stateman, 14/9/73); and as "The Death of a Hope" comparable, even, to the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia that ended Alexander Duboek's résime in 1968 (The Observer, 16/9/73).

Within 24 hours of the first, bare news of the ecup the General-Secretary of the British Labour Party, Mr Ron Hayward, was writing officially to one of Allende's former colleagues to say that it was difficult to express the sense of horror and anger felt by the British Labour movement "as the aspirations of the working people of Chileshared by so many others around the worldare destroyed at the hands of a few arrogant and ignorant officers acting at the behest of those who believe their right to rule is unchallengeable" (The Times, 13/9/73). Mr Len Murray, General-Socretary of the Trades Union Council, expressed his shock and abhorrence with equal speed and vigour, And Mrs Judith Hart, speaking as a member of the Labour Party's National Executive, unleashed a torrent of assertions so passionate as to suggest that her mind had come close to being overthrown with Allende's government. They ranged from the declaration that "the democratic will of the people of Chile" had been defeated by capitalist "collusion" (The Guardian, 17/9/73) to "for Socialists of this generation Chile is our Spain" and "This is the most vicious fascism we have seen in generations" (The Guardian, 19/9/73).

When the Labour Party Conference met at Blackpool three weeks later these instant reactions had hardened into established orthodoxy. The former Chilean Ambassador in London was given a standing ovation when he became the first non-delegate to address a Party Conference since two Spanish Republicans were allowed to do so in the 1930s. Resolutions were then carried utterly condemning the military coup and the precipitate action of the British Government in recognising the military junta; demanding the recall of the British Ambassador from Santiago and the withholding from the military regime of all aid, loans, and credits; and calling on the Labour Movement to campaign for the restoration of democracy in Chile and to offer financial end other assistance to the Popular Unity (Allende's) movement (The Times, 5/10/73). Mr

THE OUTCRY IN BRITAIN Was typical—and

AN ILLUSTRATION of the

the reasons for this fierce reaction would repay study. Probably they included a happy chance of thining. Several of the most fashionable matters of Western political protest had passed intohistory or been shadowed by disfilusionment in the year or two before Allende's downfall, from Vict Nam and Greece to Black Power and the Student Movement, Allende's dramatic end supplied a new cause just when it was wanted. Furnillar double standards were certainly involved. Nobody at the Labour Party Conference, for example, thought it necessary to ask why such a royal welcome should be offered to the representative of a government which had included one of the very few Communist parties outside Eastern Europe to approve the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. A Paviovian response to the very idea of "revolution" was also clearly in evidence-and made all the more eager, it seemed, by the fact that this particular revolution had been taking place at such a safe distance in such sublimely foreign parts. There was, perhaps, a characteristic love of worldly failure, too for it was difficult to read some of the more extravagant expressions of grief at Allendo's death without sensing a touch of gratification at the idea that Good lind once more succuraded to Evil and so delivered another martyr unto Heaven before he could be corrupted by the practical demands of life on Earth. But most of all, perhaps, the response seemed to stem from ignorance and wishful thinking—always the two most powerful sources of political romanticismwhich left the facts of life in Allende's Chile either unknown or ignored and the field wide open, therefore, to the creation of instant myth. Hence the composite picture, now accepted throughout a wide spectrum of Western liberal and left-wing opinion, of Allende as a genuine social democrat of impeccable constitutional propriety who met his end at the hands of a fascist conspiracy on behalf of a minority "ruling class" aided and abetted by the United States of America.

To replace this romantic vision with something approaching reality may already be impossible, for myths undoubtedly possess a life of their own immune to rational challenge. To attempt to do so also may entail some risk of abuse, for it seems to be a common assumption nowadays that anyone who seeks a rational explanation of a military roup d'état (unless it happens to represent a left-wing interest) is necessarily a fascist beast.

I SHOULD MAKE IT PLAIN, therefore, that I am concerned here with Allende's Chile and not with what has taken its place. I hold no brief for military juntas, nor for the summary executions, mass imprisonments, censorship or whatever that the Chilean junta may have inspired or tolerated during its early months of power. Indeed, because I happen to know and like Chile as a country and count a number of Chileans among my Iriends I feel some personal sadness at the country's present plight. But I feel no surprise nor, I am afraid, much morel shock. Military men will be military men, the world over; and in any case Chile was left in such a mess by Allenda that some vindictiveness, alias, was only to be expected when he fell

Nor am I concerned with Chilean might-havebeens, I accept that the country needed graning assist reform and I believe that it he could thave been achieved without violence by a democratic government that was ready to work pragmatically within the contribution and with a proper respect for what the economic and political fabric of Chile would stand.

But that is not the point any more. What I am converned about is how the country came to its present pass. And without withing to speak ill of the dead, it seems to me necessary to say outright for the sake of the living that the Chilean coup was largely Allende's own fault and that the myths with which it has been surrounded on the Left are not merely a falsification of Chilean history but a potential danger to the future of liberal and social democratic politics in the Western world as well. Indeed, what is most disturbing to me about the fashionable Western reactions to events in Chile is their revelation of the degree to which revolutionary romanticism has combined with left-wing cynicism in recent years to corrupt our own politics. It is certainly "no accident" that, for example, the British Labour Party which to uncritically adopts Allende's cause is also the party which has permitted its self-avowed Marxists and utopian socialists to gain factional positions of unprecedented power.

I will leave others to pursue that theme, however, All I want to do is to try to set some of the Chilean record straight—or at any rate, straighter—by looking in some detail at three of the main myths that now surround the end of Allende and his famous experiment.

1. The American Intervention Myth

THIS FOUND its most virulent expression in the equation of Allende's downfall with that of Dubcek. Yet in the absence of any American armed assault to compare with the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia—let alone the fact that whereas Dubcek's Parliament supported him against the Russians, a majority of Allende's Congress invited him to resign—there were only stereotype suppositions to sustain it.

In general, the American intervention myth seemed to derive from that characteristic Latin American and left-wing scapegoat complex which insists that the Yunquis are responsible for everything (except, of course, anything good). Garnished with historical fact (Guatemala, the Bay of Pirs. etc.) this is frequently transmuted in Latin American affairs into a plausible anti-American smear; and the state of Washington politics in 1973 was, of course, guaranteed to give such a smear extra credence this time. The New Statesman offered a fine example. "The likelihood is that the trail will lead back to the Pentagon", it assured its readers, "if a proper investigation can ever be mounted. But in default of this it does seem possible to say that Nixonism and its allies were already too heavily implicated in the

Addies of the ITT conspirates theory might like to work out, incidentally, why ITT in Chile was never taken over by Aliende, even after the motorious memorandum became public property. Was it, perhaps, because its operations there were mostly losing money and Aliende did not want to share its financial embarrassments? Or was it that he knew the company had given him an effortive political stick to best his opponents with and he did not want to throw it away by kicking the company out? Either way, ITT's apparent immunity from reprisal did not suggest that he took in challenge very actionally.

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Consciently, Allende would have dose being for himself and his county if he had simply abandood the "tree" world market altograder and state Chile at open into the controlled track before of the Communia world in the hope of gening total Sowiet support. But that would have meant imposing a completely controlled test and strict political control inside Chile—in about abandoning the nomanic pretame of "constructional revolution" for the more customery estimated by decree. To his more customery revolution by decree. To his ordiff, perings, for the more customery

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It was also his administration which promised to "repudiate the agreements between as and the Linearistical Republic Strate." (17th Republic Dovernational Monetary Fund" (17th Republic Covernational Monetary Fund" (17th Republic Covernational Monetary Legal, 1970). These bold for therefore necessary fully realised, it is true; the United States or sulfly realised, it is true; the United States or sulviving to embarrate the United States or sury other "imperables" power had estuably done unything to embarrate Allende's government. In other words, it was native, to say the least, to complain that his chosen opponents took defendire measures. What the experise the entitle that his state were they expected to do?

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siven it could have been kept quiet until now. pressed to believe that it such assent bad been personal involvement with ITII, I am hards'noxid to enotherelle oft gaibuloal) eiere stag Washington have been treated during the Water-White House, the CIA and most other things in public exposure to which the workings of the To bail act anving bas thereft and the sa massa memortadum not the plan seems to have received tingency plan based upon them: But neither the CIA, where one department produced a conwere never adopted. They were studied by the Inquiries so far indicate that its recommendations as evidence of actual dirty work: simply, that all major snag for anyone who sees the memorandum Yanqui skulduggery were aroused. But there is a 10, enaloique tadt galdegue ton el il wittlog conspiratonal notions at the heart of American such eigenber edmittedly purhing their authenticity, not of its appoling folly; and with of course, no doubt of this memorandum's and of toppling his regime if he did to. There is, Allende from assuming the Presidency in 1970 of ITT which suggested ways of preventing First, presumably, the selebrated memorandum

eubscriton of Allende for them to be exonemical now" (14,9,11). The charge is almost ectoplasmically varue 3rt simultaneously all-embracing. But what does it actually rest on?

but even if he had, it might not have worked. To support Castro's Cuba is believed to have cost Moscow the equivalent of about \$1 million and ay for many years. To support a similar regime in Chile would probably have cost even more. There was never the slightest sign that Mr. Brezhnev, or anyone else in the Kremlin, was ready to accept such a burden.

To sum up, then, it seems to me that the idea of an American conspiracy to overthrow Allende is both unproven and unnecessary to explain his downfall. I am not saying, of course, that Wathington was not mileved to see him go; although I think some American officials would have preferred to see him stumble onfersometime longer in the hope that growing disillusionment would infect even his stoutest supporters and accordingly diminish the chances of his being made a martyr when nemesis finally overtook him. But in general the American attitude seems to have been a predictably cautious one:

Thou shalt not kill, but need'st not strive ... Officiously to keep alive. ...

A realistic Chilean government embarked on its "road to socialism" would surely have bargained for that much, and (on a truly Marxist analysis such as Alfinde professed) it should have expected much more—that America would move in for the kill as soon as possible. Yet while adopting a deliberately provocative stance, Allende took no steps to protect himself against possible American reprisals, declined to compromise for the sake of other Western help, and failed to provide grounds even for his supposed Marxist friends to help him.

It was magnificent, perhaps, but it was not politics. At the very least, Allende must be convicted here of a lack of realism that would probably have been fatal to any statesman anywhere.

2. The Ruling Class Conspiracy Myth

HE FICTURE of Allende being overthrown by what has been variously described as a "revolt of the privileged," a series of "bosses" strikes" or a "conspiracy of the traditional ruling class* contains so many misconceptions that it is hard to know where to begin to sort them out. One idea, however, seems basic to them all: that Allende and his Popular Unity coalition were somehow the uniquely legitimate representatives of "the People's Will." That such an odd belief should have gained any currency whatever outside purely propagandist circles is a mark of the confusion that surrounds the Chilean experience in the minds of many non-Chileans. To judge from published comments. such as those referring to the "defeat of the democratic will", some of Allende's sympathisers abroad seem even to believe that he not merely enjoyed a massive popular majority of the vote but was also the first President of his country to do so.

Yet the facts are beyond dispute. Chile was and had been for many years a functioning democracy with a constitution which vested executive power in the President and legislative power in Congress. Both in theory and in practice, no doubt, there were serious weatherses—as reveal: d, for instance, in the inability of previous

governments to press through social reforms as swiftly as many Chileans would have wished, But by con mon coment the system was the best and short stable in Latin America and it had enabled Alleade himself to coatest the Presidency unsuccessfully three times before he finally won it at his fourth attempt in 1970. There was no doubt of the legitimacy of that victory. But, unfortunately for those who saw it as a unique; expression of "the people's will", it was gained only through a narrow plurality in which Allendo obtained just over 36% of the poll. His nearest 4 rival, only a couple of percentage points behind, was the candidate of the conservative National Party, whose members in Congress opposed Allende from the start. Another 28 % went to the third candidate, a radical reformist from the Christian Democrat party, many of whose members in Congress at first gave Allenda the benefit of the doubt, hoping he would modify his avovied Marxium in practice to a kind of reformism compatible with their own ideas and the existing constitution.

In the mid-term Congressional elections of March 1973, the Popular Unity coalition raised its share of the vote to 44% (although this time : the "legitimacy" was suspect owing to opposition allegations of substantial electoral fraud). But the opposition parties retained a large majority In Congress where, by that time, most of the Ouristian Democrats had joined the Nationalists in outright antagonism to the President, On these facts it seems plain that, so far from representing "the People's Will", Allende never actually ropresented more than a substantial minority Interest. Only if "the People" are identified as being those who voted for Allende, while the rest -the majority-are relegated to the status of "non-people" can any other interpretation be sustained. But that, of course, is just what is implied by the myth of the "ruling class conspiracy."

Is THERE WAS a "ruling class" in Chile it was that of the politicians and the surrounding establishment drawn mostly from the narrow upper end of Chile's prosperous middle class. Allende himself and many of his ministers and leading supporters were as much part of that group as were their political opponents. But, ironically, it was a group that often zuffered less than others from Allende's socialism because its members on both sides generally possessed enough cash or property to exploit the black market at home or slip into agreeable exile if things got too rough-in any case, to survive (like Allende himself until his death) in very reasonable comfort. But the people who did most to overthrow Allende were rarely of this group at all. With the possible exception of some naval officers, the armed forces were very much apart from the establishment of any political colour; and even after Allende brought the service commanders into his government they remained aloof from, and remarkably little known by, those relatively small circles in Santiago which were accustomed to set the country's. political tone.

Indeed, as events since the coup ditat have shown, Chile's military men—like their counterparts elsewhere—were probably as contemptuous of the politicians (and as ignorant e' politicians the politicians were of them. They had stayed outside politics for nearly 40 years, and if Allenda

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scucame tot-me second consecutive year. which Allende at that moment was trying to re-Chile's entire debt to his government-a debt at El. Teniente would have more than repaid in Santiago, the money lost in those two months as one West European diplomat remarked to me great extent could be absorbed internally. Indeed, terns than the transport strike, whose costs to a strike probably cost the county far more in real three-quarters of Chile's foreign earnings, that try's biggest mine. Because copper accounts for digher wages by miners at El Teniente, the counimmediately preceded by a two months' strike for coblet-unucta, The last torry-men's strike was Chile's most influential blue-collar workers-the Nos should fine to secorter that some of the of most damaging strikes of all were those of

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kadership came from the Mationalist Party ranks Allende's Socialist Party while others of the Senot Loon Vilurin, was settually a member of right or left. Thus, their principal spokerman, spectrum and look to new leaders, whether of contrary, they tended to cut across the traditional support they could get from them. On the politics, although they obviously welcomed any to the traditional political groupings of Chilean sense, Moreover, they owed little, if any, allegrance especially "privileged" in a social or economic "boss" or "ruling" class, or even as being sould they be described as representatives of a of Chile. But by no svetch of the imagination revolt-they might be classed as the Poujadister Santiago was the most dramatic early sign of housewives whose famous "Saucepua March" in supported them-not forgetting the queue-weary services. Along with the small shopkeepers who life through state control or ownership of their Coverament's intention to destroy their way of inflation and by what they believed to be the and they saw themselves threatened by galloping America would be called the lower middle class, tectionism typical of what in Europe or North They displayed the fictoe economic and social prointo the Teamstent' Union in the United States. Owner-drivers who would have fitted fairly readily Jonger atrike in July-September 1973, were mortly strike in September-October 1972, and their even or more, of Chile's transport by their month-long of the kind. The lony men who purabled half, מנסכבקכק וויכ שוויותא כטוש אכנבי ונו נדכר מסוטוים צטאנו יצדג' בווני בס-כיידינה ,, בספבב, פנוון בם , שון: ב

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potatoes, a few chickens, or even a side of beel, could make a good living on the black merket; even if his official wages remained stationary while inflation roared alread. The factory worker who was entitled to buy a proportion of his factory's output at official fixed, prices could (and did) sell that at six or ten times what he had paid as soon as he left the factory gate. But miners could hardly find ready buyers for a stolen truck-load of copper ore.

Thus the copper-miners were thrust, in effect, into the same position as the larry-men, the shop-keepers, and virtually all of Chile's salaried professional men and women: they were left more or less defenceless against the most vicious inflation the country had ever experienced.

SOME APOLOGISTS for Allende have maintained that the degree of inflation was exaggerated or, at any rate, little worse than was customary in. Chile and elsewhere in Latin America. The truth is that it was far beyond anything nomnally endured in that continent. As little as nine months after Allende came to power, when I first visited Chile, the excudo had already failen from 20 to 40 against the U.S. dollar on the free, or black, market. Eighteen months later, on my second visit, the Government's own figures put the rate of inflation at 130% in a year, the money issue was going up by 10% a month and the escudo had fallen to about 350 to the black U.S. dollar. By August 1973, the official inflation rate was 323% and rising fast, and the excudo was worth only 2,000 to the dollar-an effective devaluation in less than three years of 10,000%1

Nor is it enough to attribute these catattrophic rates to such adventitious or malicious factors as—and again I refer to published arguments—falling world copper prices, the normal difficulties of maintaining industrial and farm output in a time of radical political change, or deliberate American intervention.

On the last of these three I have already said enough, I hope, to show that it was far from decisive and that it was, anyway, largely self-invited. As to falling copper prices, the fact is that after a fall in the first year of Allende's Government, prices recovered until by the time of his overthrow they were 80% above the level at the time of his election. Had they not risen so steeply he would almost certainly have fallen sooner and probably would not have secured his selative, short-lived success in the mid-term elections of March 1973. The difficulties of maintaining output in a time of change, however, were real—unfortunately, far more so than Allende ever seemed to realise.

To take just two examples: copper and milk. Expropriation of the copper mines from their American owners would, no doubt, have led in itself to the withdrawal of American technicians as well as of American management with some consequent risk of losing production temporarily, at least. But this might have been overcome by the promotion of trained Chilean managers and technicians, of whom there was no shortage.

Alas, for Chile's national income, Allende not merely nationalised but deliberately politicised the mines as well. Jobs for the party boys were handed out in thousands while trained Chileans emigrated so that, after three years of Popular Unity Government, mining manpower and costs had risen by more than a third while mining

output was down by about the same amend. of take mill, as the second example became it was specifically mentioned in Popular Unity clustion marilles as, which guaranteed fevery Chilean thild he have east of make daily." Here ealing the povernment's programme of lead reloan, intended to break the power of Chile's remaining landlends and open the way to cooperative or state farming, might have been expected to result in some shortfall in Cairy prodiction for a year or two while the teething problems were sound out. In fact, however, milk production dropped as if someone had emply purched a hole in the bottom of every churn in the land. At one large cooperative Cary in Termico, one of the main milk-producing areas of a Chile, the average daily winter intake of shilk was about 50 (0)((1) pollops in 1970. By 1973 it was down to 7,000, Nor was this surprising. Apart from the fact that legal land reform had teen accompanied by widespread and unchecked illegal land seizures so that two many farms were in the hands of people utterly without experience, the prices established for main-as for most other farm products—were simply economic noncense. Presumably in the large of getting half a-quart of milk for every child on the cheap, the government decreed that a gailon of milk would fetch less than half the price of one erg. Inevitably, notody was interested in producing milk and criws were slaughtered wholesale for beef-legally or illegally-or driven over the mountains to Argentina while Allende was forced to scour the world for dried milk kaports that, thanks to his policy in the copper mines, he no longer had foreign currency to pay for.

Such polities were repeated everywhere as the romantic pertures of solf-styled revolution were preferred to facing the facts of life. While overall production in both agriculture and industry fell disastrously, Allende cimultaneously attempted to redistribute the national wealth by giving Chile's poorer classes more money to spend. They were his constituency and they were properly grateful, for many of them certainly had never had much before. But you can't redistribute what you have already thrown away; and as output vanished, so domestic queues grew longer, loreign Lebts piled up, and the budget deficit expanded like a hydrozen balloon. A year before the final critiapse I asked one of Allende's chief economic advisers what they were going to do to control a situation : that was already looking critical. He replied, with commendable candour, that he really didn't know, "I know," he said, "what we ought to dowe should impose an austerity regime tomorrow, freeze wages, and ration essential supplies. But how can we? We would destroy our own political base

Precisely. In the end, rather than do that they plunged on down the primrose path of promises and illusions and practically destroyed the country. The "ruling class conspiracy" was the gloss that they and their supporters put upon the reality of their own miscalculations.

3. The Myth of the Constitutional Revolutionary

THERE WE COME to the crut of Allende's policies and character about which, finally,

all the other arguments revolve. Was he a genuine constitutionalist? Was he a true revolu-

tionary? Was he—could be ever have been—both? Allende himself, of course, admitted no doubts. Repeatedly, he insisted that he was a revolutionary and a Marxist, and that he intended to establish at least the preconditions for what he told Régis Debray would be "total, scientific Marxist socialism." Equally repeatedly, he proclaimed his faith that he could achieve this end by constitutional means, through the ballot box and all it implied. That was, after all, to be the distinctive, "Chilean road to socialism" of which so many people outside Chile cherished such high hopes.

But no hindsight is required to see that both theory and practice were riddled with contradictions. Revolutions are born of, or generate, sectional conflict—a fact of political life that Allende acknowledged every time he spoke of "overthrowing" what he called the "bourgeois state. But a democratic constitution rests upon consensus—a basic acceptance of the fact that the State represents more than a merely sectional interest. The second permuts retorn, but the fast denies it; and there is no way of reconciling the

All Allende's practical difficulties followed from this simple distinction. Taken seriously, his constitutionalism instant, that his programme could only succeed if a majority would actually vote for it. But, elected as he was with only just over a third of the popular vote and with a large majority of Congress against him, Allende had neither a democratic nor an administratively effective mandate for his revolution. Indeed, in a parliamentary rather than a presidential democracy, he would probably never have been able to begin.

If he was to succeed within his six-year term of office even in opening the door to revolution, let alone establishing it as accomplished fact, he had to transform his minority into a majority. But how to do it? For, if words meant anything, Allende's had to mean that he intended to replace the existing, reformable constitution of Chile with another that would be, of its Marcist nature, irreversible. In other words, a system that was admittedly democratic was to be used to build another that would be effectively dictatorial. This was asking the majority to hang-itself from its own gallows; and, not surprisingly, it declined

ALIENDE'S ATTEMPTS to overcome this basic illogicality in his position were precisely what ensured his ultimate downfall. Refusing to abandon either his revolutionary rhetoric or his professed constitutionalism he was forced to rely more and more upon political illusionism. His sleight-of-hand was often remarkable, as he sought to outwit the opposition majority in Congress by exploiting the letter of the constitution, using every legal loophole to force upon them measures they did not want. But in the process, inevitably, he destroyed the constitution's spirit, so that his opponents became as ruthless as he

was. At the start he won considerable opposition support in Congress for needed changes like the nationalization of the copper mines, land reform, and the state's takeour of banks and major industries—evidence that the demourable consensus could and would work within the existing constitution. But, at the end, not a single member of the opposition majority would cast a vote in his support. They voted unanimously to condenus his "habitual illegalities" and were even joined by the Supreme Court in accusing him of disregarding the rule of law. He had cut away the middle ground of Chilean politics, wrecked the democratic consensus, and begotten the reality of counter-revolution through his own addiction of counter-revolutions through his own addiction of counter-revolutions through his own addiction

to revolutionary slogans. Equally inevitable was the economic breakdown, which came from Allende's attempts to enlarge his popular base outside the political institutions. Here his plan was two-fold; to buy political support among "the People" through massive wage increases and other bemats and at the same time to squoze the saidale class into submission, or even flight from the country, through wholesale nationalisation of their Interests and the appointment of his own men to all significant civil-service jobs. The two simply cancelled each other out; for while the first part of the plan raised vast new expectations and demands, the second diminished the country's capacity to meet them. The whirling spiral of inflation followed as a necessary result of Allende's political confusions.

THERE BASIC CONTRADICTIONS were compounded by the fragmented nature of Allende's support. His Popular Unity coalition was far from united, Its majority element was Allende's own Socialist Party-a body that bore little resemblance beyond its name to most of the democratic socialist parties of Europe which so enthusiastically espoused its cause. It was, in fact, a revolutionary Marxist party that began as a splinter of the more bureaucratic and Stalinist Chilean Communist party in the 1930s, and in recent years had acquired a frery "New Left" wing as well. Several of its leaders, like Senator Altamirano, and many of its rank and file, constantly urged Allende to "speed up the revolution" without much regard for constitutional niceties, The smallest element of the coalition was the Christian radicals of various persuasions, some of whom hoped to offer a bridge to the centre of Chilean politics by cooperating with the left wing of the Christian Democrats, but none of whom ever attained positions of real influence. The coalition's sheet anchor was the Communist Party which, as business and administration alipped into chaos, became increasingly important as a source of discipline and strategic thinking.

It would have been hard enough to drive this troika anyway without either overstepping the constitutional limits of government or antagonising one or other of its elements and thereby jeopardising the only "democratic" base the revolution had. But Aliende had also to contend with the still more militant left outside the coalition, led by the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), which insisted on revolution now, and by violence if necessary—as, in MIR's view, it was

Here Allende's professed constitutionalism was

^{*}Indeed, as I discovered for myself on a visit to southern Chile nine months after Aliende's effections, local police forces there were under specific instructions not to attempt to restore the farms to their legal owners. See also Robert Moss's report in Excustria, "Aliende's Chile", August 1973, and Alistair Horne's "Commandante Pepe", July 1975.

revealed as, at Lest, equivocal, He officially rejected MIR's violence, yet he raver permitted the Army to root out their para-military groups. When they stigmatised his land-reform programme as "inadequate" and seized hundreds of farms at gun-point he rebuked them in occasional speeches but did nothing to reverse their actions.8

When they hi-jacked forry-loads of valuable manufactures, to raise funds by selling them on the black market, he rarely tried to redress the crime. The Left-said this was because the MIR truly represented "the People" against whom Affende dured not act. But the truth, I fear, was more squalid. For one thing, the MIR had close friends in the Socialist Party and in Allende's own entourage whom the President did not want to offend. For another, as long as their activities did not actually split the Popular Unity coalition, it was often convenient to see them pushing along the revolution by unconstitutional means while Allende denounced them in his role as a constitutionalist.

It was not as if Allende was unable to deal with the MIR when he had to. For example, when a Mirkta force blockaded the Philips television factory in Santiago in 1973 after an unsuccestful attempt to hi-jack a lorry-load of TV sets, they were allowed by the Government to remain unmolested for ten days, although a police post was just across the road. Yet when diplomatic representations were made by the Dutch charge d'affaires with the hint that his country's financial aid might have to be reconsidered if this harassment of a Dutch enterprise continued, the Miristas were hustled away without a shot in 24 hours.

A SIMILAN EQUIVOCATION was evident in Allende's adoption of a personal armed bodyguard-the first in memory to accompany a Chilean President, It is true that the extreme Right in Chile was quick to threaten violence as a response to Allende's proclaimed revolution, and Allende himself always maintained that he needed protection. But right-wing para-military groups were never as big or as highly organised as those on the Left; and, in any case, the proper reaction of a constitutionally-minded President would surely have been to call upon his state security forces to protect him.

Instead, Allende formed a personal unit, known as "the Group of Friends of the Prosident." Trained, armed, and partly manned by Cubans, it was led by known revolutionaries, sympathetic to the MIR, including Allende's son-in-law. The existence of such a group at the very centre of the State was not merely a provocation to the established security forces and an affront to Chilean tradition, it was also an implied rejection of the principle of constitutional rule.

Doubts about the real depth of Allende's constitutionalism were raised also by his personal history and his language, both of which suggested

a romantic attachment to violence. He was after all, a founder and first president of the Latin American Solidarity Organisation, created in Havana in the 1960s and dedicated to the encouragement of armed insurrection throughout the continent. He promised to "paint Santiago with blood" in 1970 if Congress declined to ratify his election as President, and he repeatedly tried to intimidate the opposition, inside and outside Congress, with the threat of civil war. These were not the actions or the sentiments of a man dedicated to constitutional change, except

as a matter of expediency.

On the other hand, it was hard to see Allende as a genuine revolutionary. He never looked anything but the complete bourgeois contleman. A bon viwer, florid but well-groomed, a snappy dresser, with a twinkling eye for the ladies and a good deal of personal charm, his strongest political card was his skill in tactical manoeuvre. But as a strategist, a thinker, a man with a real message, he was unconvincing. Towards the end, as he appeared with increasing frequency on the presidential balcony in Santiago to address chanting crowds of his supporters with revolutionary platitudes, he seemed to me to lose all contact with reality, to have become an actor in love with his revolutionary part rather than a serious leader who knew where he was going.

IN RETROSPECT, I am inclined to think this was always the truth of the matter with Allende. Basically, he was a political romantic, dealing in sensations rather than sense. He enjoyed his hour upon the stage but he never properly assessed the forces he was dealing with, either for or against him. He raised expectations on his own side without commanding the means to satisfy them, and he encouraged opposition on the other side by his use of a revolutionary rhetoric whose threats he also could not fulfil.

At best he was muddle-headed; and time may show that he was deliberately deceitful. Certainly he managed to deceive a lot of people, including himself. But in the end reality taught its own, hard lessons. That you can't be a democrat and a revolutionary-at least, not in a society that is already admittedly democratic. That you can't be anti-American and expect the Americans to help you. That you can't pose as the people's leader and kick most people in the teeth. That you can't conscript soldiers into politics and expect them to remain apolitical. That you can't have inflation roaring out of sight and maintain a base for social welfare. That, in short, the real world is not Cloud-cuckoo-land. Down here, you just can't have your cake and eat it.

It is sad that such elementary lessons should have to be taught yet again at such tragic cost in 'Chile. But it is alarming that so many people elsewhere should evidently fail to grasp that they are the lessons.

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Den svenska debatten är ensidig. Man har på ett lyande sått dokumenterat jintans grymheter men man drar ingen lardom av utvecklingen i Allendes Chile. Det är viktigt att kunna kritisera det som var fel i utvecklingen, annars kan man inte lära sig någonting. Om man tystar ner varje form av debatt om det som var före kuppen, använder man sig av ett censurtänkande som är på samma linje som juntans, säger Andres Küng, journalist och författare som besökt Chile före, under och efter Allendes tid. Han har nu också givit ut en debattbok, Att så socialism och skörda fascism.

— Salvador Allende och "folkregeringen". Umdad Popular tfolklig enhet) emotsågs med stort intresse även utomlands, Man skulle littligen få svar på flera grundlaggande frågor. Kan socialsomen genomloras på fredlig, väg i Latinamerika? År marxistnen i paktiken tovenlig med politisk demokrati." Kan en social revolution genomforas med bevarad politisk demokrati."

Folkfrontens program hade fyra naturtillyangar, framst kopparn, 2) okad takt i jordrefermsonbetet, 3) forstaftigande av de stovsta bank-och industrifsretagen och 4) snabb ekonomisk tillsast och omfordelning av inkomster och formogenheter samt kamp mot inflationen.

Koppar viktig .

- Kopparn svarar för upp till fyra femtedelar av landets export och mellan en femtedel och en tredjedel av statsintakterna, Under åren före första varldskriget gick gruvorna över i mirdamerikansk ago, I slutet av 1960-talet nationaliserades de till hälften av den kristdemokratiska Frei-regimen. Staten övertog 51 procent av aktierna. Men Freis "chilenisering" av kopparn visade sig slutligen undå most lonsam för de amerikanska foretagen. Kopparn forstatligades genom ett tillagg till grundlagen 1971, Frågan om ersättning till de forna amerikanska hgirma hanskóts till hogste statstevisorn -- men Aliende och hans regering ansåg att de inte hade råd att berala kontant ersättning i dollar.

— Jordbruket svarar for mindre in en fjärdedel av sysselsattningen, vilket är mindre an i de flesta attnamerikanska och andra u-lander. Flera jördreformlagar antogs fore Allende en av dem 1967 då man bestande att alla jordegendomar over 80 "basnektar" kunde tvangsvinlosia, ten lasbektar # en hektar forstklassig konstlevattnad jord).

— Takten i jordreformarbetet bkade under Allendes presidentid. Under hans första år tvångsinlistes nastun lika mycket jord som under hela den föreglende sevåriga presidemperioden. Alla stora jordregendensar uppgavs ha förstatligats 1973.

Im foljd av jørdreformen var att Inntarhetarna repanserasker fackligt. En annan var jørdevkupationerna. De okade mo gånger redan under Allendes forsta år jamfort med under Freiv fid. Jordagarna började gå till motangrepp.

— Produktionen sjönk — de exproprierade gårdarna hade inte fillrackligt med maskner, redskap, kreatur och utsåde. Den sjunkande tillgangen på fosmedel och den stigande efterfrågan kolde till forsörjningsproblem och prisstegringar.

- I borjan genomforde Alforde en rad atgårder for att skapa en jannate fordelning av formogenbe-



Andres Küng, journalist och författare, säger att Chile-debatten är ensidig. "Det är viktigt att även kunna kritisera det som var fel på Allendes tid annars kan mån inte läva sig någonting".

svarta börsaffårer och hamstring. Penningsårdet sjönk med 163 procent.

— Under min vistelse i Santiago i borjan av 1973 var enbart eigarfettkortna i centrum ett pår kvarler langa, berattar Andres King.

Förlorade stödet

— De ekonomiska problemen medfåde poljtiska problem, Allende forforade medelklassens stöd och arbetareklassens stöd minskade. I kongressvalen behovde han mapriiet — det vår en nödvanlig forutsattning for att han skulle kunna fortsatta att genomfora sitt program och sufta sina lagar. Han fick bira 44 procent. Maktkampen kongress — parlament — president fortsatte, lugen ville ge vika for den andre. Allende drevs till årgander som inte var forenliga med demokratiska principer och gållande lagar.

Denna utveckling tyder på att varje foksok att mot flertalets vilja tvinga fram en extrem politik mediler tisker for politivering av samhallet som bira skulle gynna okeniokratiska riktningar. En aggressiv klasspolitik, vare sig den at reaktionar eller, revolutionar, kan frankalla en utveckling mot en socialistisk eller fascistisk diktatur, konstaterat Andres Küng.

— Men inga missforhållanden och misstag under Allendes tid kan användas som ursäkt för kuppen och det blodbad som sedan folgle. Man kan ha olika uppfattningar om Allendes politik, men varge sann demokrat mäste kanna avsky för den navärande militärjuntan.

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CHILEAN REFUGEES IN NETHERLANDS POINTED OUT AS FUGITIVES

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The Chilean refugees in the Netherlands seem to be having adjustment problems. These rather prolonged symptoms seem to be caused among other things by the fact that they still find it hard to accept that the socialist dream of their Marxist president is definitely over and that their country is now being ruled by a small group of reactionaries who are trying to keep the people under control through terrorism, repression, and torture. Such problems will take you quite a ways in the Metherlands and those idealists were quick to take advantage of it.

Welfare

What is the situation? Most of the approximately 250 refugees with a high school or university education do not work. About half of them have been housed at the "Huis ter Schie" in Overschie, where they enjoy the sunshine on the terrace or play volleyball in the yard. Board and lodging are free and at the end of the week they pick up another 25 guilders pocket money. In addition they receive free language instruction, commuter tickets for the bus, and compensation for each trip they have to take.

Do you get the idea that they are better off than many old people in the Netherlands? You are probably right, because the Chilean exiles do not have to live on welfare; they are being paid from the frozen funds which had been allocated for development aid to their fatherland, Chile. So you can see how well our tax money is being spent.

Considering that this small group of pampered exiles is preaching revolution even here and with a full stomach, it may be useful to point out a few facts. These are facts which are well known in the Ministry in The Hague but for some reason never made it to the Netherlands press.

Facts

The great majority of the refugees are not even Chilean nationals. They are natives of Bolivia, Brazil, and Uruguay. They came to Chile as a result of illegal and revolutionary activities in which they had been involved in these South and Middle American countries, the ultimate consequences of which they did not wish to suffer.

They felt at home in Allende's Chile because Allende showed sympathy for their situation. His first action as president, after his inauguration in November 1970, was to declare amnesty for all those who "were members of terrorist underground organizations," those who during the last months of his predecessor's regime had been charged with bank robbery, the armed robbery of self-service stores, the theft of weapons from military arsenals, kidnapping, and attempted murder.

The fact that some of those revolutionaries received Chilean diplomatic status was due to Allende's policy of granting residence permits to this type of revolutionaries. These refugees with a high school or higher level education seemed to have no adjustment problems in Chile. As a result they soon found their way to important key positions in the government.

The fugitives didn't suffer any sleepless nights in Chile either, because they felt protected by a militant Marxist army, armed to the teeth. Some 10,000 revolutionaries, from all points of the compass, were at their disposal.

Definition

In the <u>Berner Tageblatt</u>, a Swiss newspaper which is known for not exaggerating. Dr. Mario Puelma, from the University of Freiburg, wrote the following: "The concept of political refugee is only of limited value when applied to Chile. Whatever one's attitude toward the military junta

may be, one thing is certain: the Chilean refugees were not pursued only because of their ideology, their status, or their origin. This is the traditional, humanitarian definition for a refugee. For the most part they are people who, in their own country, could be legally charged with crimes which are punishable under any Judicial system.

These refugees carried out activities in Chilo which were against the constitution. As a matter of fact, they are specialists in violence. This is why they sought asylum in the foreign embassies in Santiago and why there are so many foreigners among them."

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V.S.-economie loopt terug

WASHINGTON - De Amerikaanse regering heeft dondering bekend ge-maskt dat de nationale economie veel mast dat de nationale economie veet krachliger is teruggelopen, in het eer-ste kwartaal van dit Jaar, dan was werwacht. Prijzen stegen bevenden met meer dan tien procent.

met meer dan tien procent.

Het bruto nationale produkt ver-mindente in het eerste kwartaal met een jaar-percentage van 5,8 Dit is de eerste keer sinds 1970 dat het bruto nationale produkt is verminderd en het is de scherpate daling in 18 jaar. De vermindering van het beste nation De vermindering van het brube nationale produkt met 5.8 procent moet vergeleken worden met een schatting van tussen de 3'en 4'procent, zoais die door de regering was gedaan. In het laatsie kwartaal van het vorig faar nam het bruto nationale produkt toe met 18 processe. toe met 1,6 procent.

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MINISTERS KRIJGEN HUISARREST

Ethiopische leger uit scherpe verwijten

ETHIOPISCH INGER
ADDIS AREKA — Premier Endal-kachew Maksanca van Ethiopië heeft donderdag bekendeemaakt dat de leden van de regeziog die eind februart door de stroiltichten gedwongen werd af te treden, huisarrest hebben

Volgens de Educoische radio heeft Makkonen di genegd op een bijeen-komst in Adais Abeba van rond 2,000 Romst in Annis Abbba van rond 2,000 officieren en manschippen. De premier rou naar de bijeenkomst ontboden zijn door de strijdkrachten die hem hadden lazen weten dat het leger gedwongen rou rijn in te grijpen als er niet onmiddelijk tegen de ministers went opperbeden.
Het leger werstie de ministers door

ters went opportuned.

Het leger verwijk de ministers dat zij het land in een economische chaos hebben gestare, zich op onwettige wijze verrijkt bedoen en na hun aftreden hebben samengezworen om Verdeeldheid te kanien.

PLANNEN

Makonnen gaf ee de bijeenkomst een uitvoeriee vireenzetting van de hervormungsplannen van afin rege-ring. Hij virees de stripe grachten von ring. His perces As strong crachities voor hun voorbeesing gedrag en deed een beroep op hen eer voorsoeld te sevon van de tucht die nodig is voor het land in de moet. As dagen die nog zullen komen. De roemier zou het huisarrest van As voormalige ministers bekend bedoen gemaakt toen

Liberaal Kennedy aan het woord

een arme Ethlopiër die een brocd heeft gestolen, onmiddellijk de ge-vangenis ingaat, terwijl de ex-ministers die ernstige misdaden zouden hebben begaan, niet voor de rechtbank worden gedaagd en maar on-gehinderd op straat rondlopen.

Makonnen zei dat er een commissie is benoemd die een onderziek moet instellen naar het gedrag van de voormalige ministers.

POLITIE

In de stad Asmara heeft de politie In de stad Asmara neert de poiste bekendgemaakt dat zij geen routine-werk meer zal verrichten, omdat haar eis tot entslag van het jandelijke hoofd van de politie, luitenant-generaal Yilma Shibeshi, niet is ingewilligd. Voorts hebben de 1.200 spoormaamennen die woensdag in staking wegmannen die woensdag in staking zijn gegaan, de vrachtauto's tegenngehouden die goederen van Asmara naar de haverstad Massawa zouden

Arbeidsonrustin Canada

commerciale hightverkeer en het scheepvaartverkeer op de St.-Law-rence rivier in Canada zijn verland rence rivier in Canada zijn veriama door een staking die het land dage-lijks enkele miljoenen dollars zoot. De arbeidsvirust duurt nu al meer dan een week en zal volgens de Canadese parlementaire oppositie de inflatie, die momenteel jaarlijks 10 procent beiraagt, bevorderen.

Door wisie stakingen is de helft van alle postkantoren in het land gesloten ten gevolge van solidari-tellastischen. De meellingbieden he-

Opgemerkt

Nederland schijnen ... aunpassingsproblemen te hebben. Dit hogal langdurige verenhimsel blijkt ondermeer veroorzaakt te worden doordat zij het nog steeds plet kunnen verkroppen dat de socialiatische droom van de Marxistische president definitief voorbly is en dat hun land nu beheerst wordt door een kleine groep reactionairen die met terreur, onderdrukking en folteringen probeert het volk onder de dulm te houden. Met zo'n lange volzin kom je een heel eind in Nederland en dit hådden deze idenlisten al gaute in de gaten.

VERZORGING

Want wat is het geval? Werken doen de meeste van de ongeveer 250 vluchtelingen van middelbane en universitair niveau nict. Ongeveer: de heift van hen is ondergebracht in het "Ituis ter Schle" in Overschle, waar zij op het terras genleten van de zon of volleybal spelen in de tuln. Kost en inwoning zijn grafis en nan het einde van de weck vangen elf ook nog eens vijfentwintig gulden zakgeld. Daarbij kriigen zij nog gratis taalcursussen, een ritfenkaart voor de bus en een vergoeding your elke rely die zij moeten maken.

Door

N. van Nieuwenhuysen

U vindt dat zij het beter hebben als menig Nederlands bejaarde? Waarschijnlijk hebt u gelijk, want de Chilcense hallingen behoeven niet van de bijstand te leven; rij worden namelijk gefinancierd door de geblokkeerde gelden voor ontwikkelingshulp aan hun vaderland Chill. Zo riet u maar hoe goed ons belastinggeld wordt besteed.

Dage dit for de watten gelegile groepje bailingen zelts hier nog met volle maag de revolutie predikt is het misschien nuttig enige feiten te noemen. Feiten die op het ministerie In Den Haag welbekend sijn, maar om de een of andere reilen nooit de pers in Nederland halen.

De vluchtelingen hebben voor het overgrote deel niet cens de Chileense nationaliteit. Zij zijn afkom-





BELLITADO - De Amerikaanse senatur Edward Kennely beeft dimderdage blend op een persconferentie in de Zuidalavische hoofdstad Bel-grado de vloeteeteningen van de NAVO veroordeeld die onbangs in het noorden van de Adriatische Zee zijn

Deze oefeningen hebben het geschill tussen Ralle en Zuistdavie twee de zogenaamde "zone B" ten zuiden van Triëst verscherpt. Kennedy næmde het geen afdoende reden dat de se-fening niet kon worden afgelast omdat ze al verscheidene maanden te-voren in voorbereiding waren gerzo-turen. De Amerikaanse senatur is dorzlerdag na een beroek van drie dagen, tijdens hetwelk hij bespre-Ringen voerde met ender ineer pre-sident. Tito, naar de Sovjet-Unie doorgereisd. Hij zet meer onder de Indruk" te zijn van din gesprekken met het Zuldslavische staatsbeeld.

on werknemers achierate omidat 40 shirts droegen, waarop het publiek werd verzocht de Canadese posterren west version to the bovesten. De werknemers willen leoneisen stellen, maar de overheid weigert 'te onderhandelen totdat iedereen weer aan het werk is.

138 loodsen op de St.-Lawreise rivier, die voor alle scheepvaartverkeer zorgen tussen Montreal en Quelyyk zijn al een week in staking omdat zij een onmiddelijke loonsverhoens ei sen van 20 000 tot 38 000 dellar per jaar. De regering heeft hen 35 000 dellar geboten over een periose van drie jaar en zoekt momenteel naar mogelijkheden om de lossisen te dwingen het werk to hervatten.

Ock het luchthaven personeel eist loonsverhoging van rond de 3333 dollar. De acht grostate lüchthavens van het land hebben de afgelopen weck en halve krieht gewerkt. Verder ep halve kracht gewerkt. Verder dreigt een staking van de verkeersiel-

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lijk halfrond ver Cuba

ington

Sen dondern ministers walfrond in acnodied op olgend jaar

en van het wesdexico-stad twee ar had zich niet gar had zien niet auw in de prul-i. Minister Kis-lijk zeker van gigde Staten in te zijn in verlevragen omtrent bijgenkomst te enkomst wordt de organisatie

EMBARGO

en op vrijdag in

ué waarmee de omst hebben afover Cuba gehts economische neden. Niettemin memers dat het ultaat van ington is, dat de eld lijken te zl**j**n rgobeleid tegen matigen, Wat de en de verschillen nerika en de Laden gebleven te

valr afschaffing mmeringen, maar

parlement

RAGDAD - Irak krijgt voor het eerst sedert de revolutie van 1838 een volksvertegenwoordiging. Het presidum van het "progressleve nationale front" heeft hiertoe besloten, 20 is donderdag bekendgemaakt. Wanneer de volksvertegenwoordiging er kemt en of die tot sland zal komen toor algemene verklezingen, is nog niet besloten. In lingdad staat een groot gebouw voor een nationale vêrgade-rien maar het is nog nooit gebruikt. De seetalistische Bass-partij en de communisten werken samen in het progressieve nationale front.

GOUDPRODUKTIE ACHTERUIT

nalaten te voorkomen dat de inwer uit Latijns-Amerika nog meer san beperkingen onderhevig wordt ge-

Grote onrust onder mijnwerkers in Z.-Afrika

JOHANNESBURG - In de afgelopen weken is moord en doodslag in de Zuldafrikaanse goudmijnen onder de zwarte mijnwerkers tot een zorgbarende omvang ultgegroeid. De jongste balans van bloedige stamtwisten tussen gastarbeiders uit Lesotho en de Xhosa's in de goudmijn Carletonville, bij Johannesburg, luidt: tien doden en drie en zestig gewonden.

De meeste slachtoffers waren gruwelijk verminkt. Slaupplaatsen werden vernield, met benzine overgoten en in brand gestoken. Viuentende mijnwerkers zijn volgens ooggetuigen doodgeschoten.

Tienduizend Baacho's hebben sinds Tiennuliond Baakho's hebben sinds februari hun werkterrein in Zuid-Afrika in de steek gelaten en zijn naar hun veilige bergachtige vaderland Lesotho terugsveerel, Vele andere zijn van plan ook naar Lesotho terug te gaan. Na de Bissotho's vrezen thans de mitinwertere in Malione ook thans de mijnwerkers uit Malawi aan de beurt te zijn.

INSPRAAK

Woordvoerders van de zwarte mijnwerkers verklaren, dat de mijnvan de zwarte werkers niets in te brengen hebben tegenover de blanke leiding van de mijnen en niets aan de arbeidsomzegt te weten waurom de mijnwer-kers elkaur doodslaan. "Hun verte-genwoordigers weten het niet en ik betwijfel, of de arbeiders zelf het wel weten", aldus de bedrijfsleider. Veien menen, dat ingewortelde

stammen-vijandschap de oorraak van de onlusten. Daarbij komt dat bij de huidige woningnood een nietige aanleiding voldoende is om de haat tegen de gastarbeiders tot een expo-sie te brengen. De mijnmaatschap-pijen hebben zich tot dusver verze tegen de eis, de zwarte mijnwerkers te groeperen naar de streken waar 20 vandaan komen. Zij menen, dat dan vandam komen. 21] menen, da caar nog grotere onlusten zouden ontstaan. Het zou zelfs tot "slachtpartien" kunnen komen. Intusen gaat de goudproduktie achteruit. In Lesotho 21 de rogering met het probleem van de brodeleos geworden teruggeseen

olch in dere Zuid en Muldon. Amerikaanse landen buiden berig gehanden met onweller zu revolutionaire gedragingen wassesser tij de uiteindellike consceptibles niet wensten te dragen.

In het Chill van Allende voelden att sich thuis omdat Alleode begrip toonde voor hun gedrag. Den eerste daad als president, teen bij in november 1970 geinstalleerd was bestond namelijk uit het afkondigen van amnestie voor al diegenen, die alid waren van een teececistische ondergroudse organisaties, voor hen die in de lagiste maanden voder zijn concenners waren aanseklassel voor het beroven van hanken zewelddadige overvallen op seltbedieningswinkels, diefstal vaz wapens ult militaire depots, ontwecingen en moordaanslagen.

Dat sommigen van deze revolutionairen Chilcens depomatieke status kregen is ook veeklaarbaar als men weet dat de regeeing van Allende een beleid voerde dat er op eericht was om fuist verbäifsvergunningen te geven aan Et type revolutionairen. Deze vischielingen van middelbaar en beere niveau bleken namelijk in Chiti geen "ganpassingsmoeilijkhedea" te hebben. Zij vonden dan ook weldra bun weg naar belangrijke sleentoolties in de regering.

Slapeloze nachten badden do "vervolgden" in Chili ook ziet, omdat all aich beschermd vorlden door een tot de tanden gewazend militant-Marxistisch soldatenhuger. Zo'n 10.000 revolutionairen un alle windstreken stonden hen ber beschikking.

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In hel "Berner Tageblitt" een Zwitserse krant die sich ziet aan overdrijving eibludae schrift dr. Mario Poelma van de Freiburgse Universiteit: Bet concept van de politieke vizehteling kan met betrekking tot Chai slechts in seer beperkte mate gebleit. Hoe men ook mag staan teersover de militaire lunta, cen dine & witer: de Chileeuse vluchtelingen weeden niet alleen vervolgd voor hun bleelogie. status of afkomst. Dit basse is de traditionele humanitaire delenitie van een vervolgde. Voor het grootste deel alin het mensen die in hun eigen land wettelijk aangeblungd kunnen worden voor misdalen die under elk rechtsbestel strafbaar edin.

Deze vluchtelingen voerden in Chili daden uit die in smid waren met de grondwei. In feite sijn hetspecialisten in geweld. Om deze redenen sochten zij aviel op de bultenlandse ambassades in Santiago en daarom bevinden zich zoveel buitenlanders onder hen."

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- 2. AIRMAILING TO BEROUTSAS BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON LEFTIST BROOM EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT CHILEAN REGIME, INCLUDING: Y
 - A. LCBEFORE PRESS SUMMARIES OF FRONT ACTIVITIES.Y
 - B. NEWS BULLETINB PUBLISHED BY BRITISH CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, WHICH CONTAINS "INTERNATIONAL NEWS" SECTION AND A SECTION GIVING CHILEAN REFUGEE QUOTAS BY COUNTRY.Y
 - C. ARTICLES RE RUSSELL TRIBUNAL ON CHILE, HELD ROME,
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3. WE ARE UNABLE SUGGEST KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON OF STATURE FOR INTERVIEW ON LEFTIST EFFORT DISCREDIBIT REGIME. AS ALTERNATIVE, SUGGEST CAGUARRY OR NETWORK REPORTER HIGHT SEEK INTERVIEW OF DR. MARIO PUELMA, PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY AT FREIBURG UNIVERSITY, WHO WROTE TWO-PART ARTICLE IN BBBLS-16 JANUARY ISSUES OF BERN DAILY BERNER TAGBLATT ON SUBJECT CHILEAN REFUGEES. IN ARTICLES PUELMA GIVES BACKGROUND OF TERRORIST MOVEMENT IN CHILE AS IT DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF ALLENDE GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND CITES EXAMPLES OF TREFU-GEES" AND THEIR ACTIVITIES TO SHOW THAT "TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF. POLITICAL REFUGEE, WITH RESPECT TO CHILE, CAN BE APPLIED ONLY IN VERY LIMITED SENSE ... (SEE ORPEG BOZE, REF B. FOR SUMMARY OF ARTICLES. W

SUGGEST FEATURE INCLUDE POINT THAT EFFORT TO DISCREDIT CHILEAN REGIME IS ENCOURAGED, IF NOT ORCHESTRATED, BY SOVIET FRONTS AND THAT PUBLICITY GENERATED BY "SOLIDARITY" CAMPAIGN (E.G., "INTER-NATIONAL NEWS" SECTION OF BRITISH COMMITTEE BULLETIN & HAS INTIMI-DATING EFFECT PRECLUDING OBJECTIVITY. BEBNEATH SUPERFICIAL SHOW OF "SOLIDARITY" EUROPEAN LEFTISTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING CRIMINAL/

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TERRORIST "REFUGEES" IN EUROPE, AND COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN CRITICALLY ANALYZING EVENTS LEADING TO CHILE COUP AND REASSESSING THEIR OWN PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEALING WITH NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES AND ASSUMING POWER BY NON-VIOLENT MEANS. MIGHT ALSO MAKE POINT THAT WITH VIETNAM NO LONGER AN ISSUE, CHILE REPRESENTS ONE FOCUS FOR ENGENDERING UNITY BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST LEFT IN WESTERN EUROPE.Y

5. FOR INFORMATION OR POSSIBLE INTERVIEW ON EXTREME LEFTIST BY VIEWS/ACTIVITY, SUGGEST CAGUARRY OR ZDF REPORTER HIGHT CONTACT "SOCIALIST BUREAU," SPONSOR OF SOLIDARITY MEETING HELD FRANKFURT (2570/6) 2570/6) 24-27 APRIL. (SEE BONN 31174 AND BBONN 31857). FOR INFORMATION OR POSSIBLE INTERVIEW ON JUNTA VIEWS, SUGGEST CONTACT DEUTSCH-CHILENIS-CHER BUND (SEE BERLIN 81306, OCT 731. 676984)

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- 2. GALETER: MET CUNNING AT HOME OF ROBERT B. HARTFORD, U.S.
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B. THE CHILEAN GOVT IS VERY SENSITIVE TO FOREIGN

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- 1. IF SOCIALIST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FRANCOIS MITTERRAND
 IS ELECTED ON 19 MAY, IT MOST DOUBTFUL THAT UNSOBER/1 COULD DO
 PROGRAM ON CHILE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BKHERALD (OR TO PINOCHET).
- 2. THEREFORE RECOMMEND SANTIAGO CONSIDER REF WITHIN CONFINES

 OF STATION UNTIL RESULTS OF ELECTION KNOWN. IF MAJORITY CANDIDATE

 GISCARD D'ESTAING WINS (HE HAS SLIGHT LEAD IN POLLS). CLIMATE

 WILL BE EXCELLENT FOR FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF PINOCHET. IN THIS

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1. 1 MAY ZEF MAGAZIN WITH CAQUARRY AS MODERATER CARRIED

15 MINUTE FEATURE ON CHILE, A THEME LONG DISCUSSED WITH CAQUARRY.

MAIN PART FEATURE WAS INTERVIEW WITH SPD PARLIAMENTARIAN,

FRIEDRICH B E E R M A N N (SUBJECT REF) WHO RECENTLY RETURNED

FROM VISIT CHILE AND SPOKE WITH GENERAL PINOCHET, BEERMANN

STRESSED THAT ALLENDE GOVERNMENT HAD RULED ILLEGALLY, CONDITIONS

NOT AS BAD AS THEY SEEM AND THAT OVERALL CHILEAN POPULATION

FAVORED ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW. SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT INTERVIEW

WITH SPD POLITICIAN AND SPD, AS INFLUENCED BY ITS LEFT WING,

HAS BEEN STRONGLY ANTI-JUNTA.

2. HANS M A T T H O E F E R, LEFT WING SPD PARLIAMENTARIAN AND STATE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, HAS BEEN
LEADING GERMAN OPPOSITION TO JUNTA AND ALSO TRYING BLOCK
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CUESTIGNING HIS MOTIVATION IN STRONG SUPPORT ALLENDE AND EVEN STRONGER CONDEMNATION OF JUNTA. BY COINCIDENCE CAGUARRY ON PER "DU" SASIS WITH MATTHOEFER (NOT FOR SAME POLITICAL IDEALS) AND WELL AWARE MATTHOEFER BACKGROUND INVOLVMENT LEFT WING ACTIVITIES. END OF CHILE FEATURE CARRIED STATEMENT BY CAGUARRY THAT IT STRAIGE MATTHOEFER CONDONED ALLENDE GOVT USE OF FORCE AS NECESSARY WHILE HE IS PRESENTLY VOCIFEROUS IN CONDEMNING JUNTA ACTIVITIES. STATEMENT SERVED EMPHASIZE SPD NON-OBJECTIVITY IN DEALING WITH CHILE.

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AND THE BLOODBATH THAT FOLLOWED".

- 2. KUNG (DPOB: 1945, GAVLE, SHEDEN) IS FORMER (1969-72) EDITOR FOR SHEDISH RADIO'S "OBS". NOW LIVES IN MALMO. HAS PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN ON, INTER ALIA, LATIN AMERICA AND BALTIC STATES.
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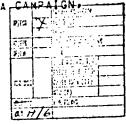
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- 1. WELCOME RECEIVING SPECIAL BRIEF FOR PURPOSES INDICATED IN
- 2. RELUCTANT TO LEAVE MEDIA FIELD ON CHILE TO SOVIETS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. SUGGEST THEREFORE HOS KEEP OPEN MIND ON SELECTIVE PLACEMENTS SHORT OF GENERAL PROPAGANDA SUPPORT OF CHILEAN REGIME.
- 3. SINCE WOMEN LIKELY TO CONTINUE PLAYING PIVOTAL ROLE IN FURTHER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, BELIEVE THEIR VIEWS AND REACTIONS OUGHT BE GIVEN MORE PLAY. AS AN EXAMPLE, COULD POSSIBLY ENGINEER ARTICLE IN GERMAN MAGAZINE "DER STERN" (CIRCULATION 1,500,000), WHICH THUS FAR IN VANGUARD OF ANTI-JUNTA PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

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- 1. BASE INTERESTED IN "DOS A MOS DE PENETRACION SOVIETICA EN CHILE" (PORTADA 39) AS VEHICLE TO ENLIGHTEN GERMAN AUDIENCE REEXTENT OF SOVIET/CUBAN INFILTRATION OF SOCIE-ECONOMIC FABRIC OF CHILE.
- 2. STUDY COULD BE FLESHED OUT TO ENCOMPASS POLITICO/MILITARY ASPECTS THIS PENETRATION. ESFECIALLY PERCEPTIONS GAINED BY TWO NAVAL PURCHASING MISSIONS. THE LAST VISITING USSR JUST PRIOR TO ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL WHEN CHILEAN NAVY REPS GIVEN RUNAROUND AND TREATED WITH BARE CIVILITY. IT MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO MENTION THAT SOVIETS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE OFFERED TO SUPPLY ALLENDE (NOT CHILEAN ARMED FORCES) WITH ARMAMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DEFENDING HIS REGIME. ALLENDE'S MCSCON FISHT AND UNAVAILING PLEA FOR SOVIET SALVAGING OPERATION IS CRUCIAL ASPECT OF AMBIGUOUS SOVIET ROLE WHICH EUROPEAN LEFT HAS CONVENIENTLY SWEPT UNDER THE RUG.
- 3. REUGEST HOS COMMENTS RE FEASIBILITY OF TURNING OUT FINISHED PRODUCT TO MEET EUROPEAN REQUIREMENTS WHICH AT PRESENT PREEMPTED OF DEC. 3

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- 1. FOLLOWING OF INTEREST AS FOLLOW-UP TO REF.
- 2. ACCORDING WASHINGTON POST 12 OCTOBER, "THE BITTERNESS BE-THEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA AND CHILE ERUPTED INTO A BATTLE OF OBSENITIES AND THREATS LAST NIGHT, DISRUPTING A LATE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AT HEIGHT OF THE DISTURBANCE, CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA CALLED THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE A 'SONY OF A WHORE, AND ANOTHER CUBAN DIPLOMAT REPORTEDLY DISPLAYED A PISTOL.
- B. "DISPUTE BEGAN WHEN ROA DEVOTED MORE THAN HALF OF HIS SPEECH IN GENERAL DEBATE EARLIER IN THE DAY TO AN ATTACK ON THE NEW CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR RAUL BAZAN DAVILA TOOK PODIUM DURING THE NIGHT-TIME SESSION TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT OF REPLY SUAZAN INSISTED THAT LATE PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE HAD COMMITTEED SUICIDE AND SAID 'CASTROISH' MUST TAKE A LARGE PART OF THE BLAME. DATE: ORIG: UNITE

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MITTED AND REGRETTED AN OFFICIAL FIGURE OF SET DEATHS IN CONNECTION WITH CHILEAN COUP, BUT ADDED THAT CHILEANS RESPECTED HUMAN LIFE, WHILE 'IN CUBA, FIDEL CASTRO HIMSELF HAD, AS HIS DAILY PASTIME, THE WATCHING OF EXECUTIONS BEFORE THE FIRING SQUAD WALL, TO WHICH HE EVEN INVITED SOME OF THE DIPLOMATS...

4. "AT THAT POINT ROA ROSE FROM HIS SEAT AND DASHED DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE ROSTRUM, SHOUTING 'FAG', 'SONE OF A WHORE' AND OTHER INSULTS AT BAZAN, IN SPANISH. OTHER CUBANS FOLLOWED HIM. NICARAGUAN DELEGATION, SEATED IN FRONT NEAR ROSTRUM, ROSE TO BLOCK THE CUBANS.

OTHER LATINS FLOCKED TO FRONT OF THE HALL. A DIPLOMAT WHO WAS THERE SAID A CUBAN SHOWED HE WAS CARRYING A PISTOL IN A CONFRONTATION WITH PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR FRANCISCO BARREIRO....

5. U.N. GUARDS SWARMED TO THE ROSTRUM AND THE CUBANS DISPERSED.

ROA RESUMED HIS SEAT LATER. FIVE LATIN AMERICANS CAME TO THE ROSTRUM

LATER TO CALL THE CUBANS 'GANGSTERS' AND CHALLENGED THE RICHT OF A

DICTATORSHIP TO CRITICIZE THEIR GOVERNMENTS. U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN A.

SCALI SAID ROA 'HAS ONCE AGAIN SUNK TO HIS USUAL LEVEL OF GUTTER

VULGARITY...THE OUTHODED VITUPERATION OF AN EARLIER ERA.'"

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- 2. SINCE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S APPEARANCE BEFORE UNGA HAS RECEIVED LIMITED PRESS PLAY, BELIEVE FOLLOUING MAY BE USEFUL TO ADDRESSEES FOR BRIEFING LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MEDIA AND OTHER CONTACTS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN CHILEAN SITUATION. MATERIAL IS LARGELY OVERT, THEREFORE NO OBJECTION TO ITS USE BY SO LONG AS STORY NOT PASSED OR USED VERBATIM.
- HUERTA APPEARED FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR PRESENTATION BEFORE UNGATO EXPLAIN "FACTS UNICH OBLIGED ARMED FORCES AND POLICE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A REGIME OF NATIONAL RESTORATION." AND TO CHARGE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BECOME VICTIM OF A "MOST FALSE, MOST MALEVOLENT, MOST VICIOUS AND VERY WELL-ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN."
 - 3. HUERTA'S SPEECH STRESSED THAT ALLEHDE'S WINORITY REGIME HAD

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INSTIGATED AND SUPPORTED LARGELY BY CUBA; THAT CUBA INTERVENED IN
CHILEAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS UHILE SECRETLY INFILTRATING ARMS.
INSTRUCTORS AND PERSONNEL FOR PARAMILITARY GROUPS, INTENDED TO BECOME
A "PARALLEL"ARMY TO OPPOSE ARMED FORCES; THAT CHILEAN MILITARY ACTED
ONLY AFTER FAILURE OF ALL OTHER EFFORTS BY PARLIAMENT, JUDICIARY,
PROFESSIONALS AND WORKERS TO BLOCK DRIFT TOWARD CIVIL WAR AND CHAOS.
HE STRESSED THAT HIS GOVT IS NOT POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS AND ITS GOAL
IS TO SET CHILE BACK ON ITS HISTORIC PATH; AFTER GOAL ACHIEVED, "WE
WILL NOT HESITATE TO RETURN TO OUR BARRACKS AND TO OUR SHIPS."

4. HUERTA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ALLENDE REGIME. THE FIRST ELECTED

MARXIST GOVT IN WESTERN HEMISPEHERE. HAD AROUSED ENTHUSIASH IN

MANY. BUT "IT IS ONE THING. GENTLEMEN. TO EVALUATE A FOREIGN

EXPERIENCE FROM AFAR. SEATED IN COMFORTABLE ARMCHAIRS OR IN DISCUSSION

AROUND A WELL-SERVED TABLE. IT IS QUITE ANOTHER TO LIVE IT." HE DE
TAILED A HISTORY OF EVENTS OF LAST THREE YEARS. POINTING OUT THAT

DESPITE AGREEMENTS BY ALLENDE REGIME. LATTER MOVED TO UNDERMINE

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AWAY WITH DEMOCRATIC IDEALS FOR WHICH COUNTRY STOOD. HE SAID MEDIA WAS HARASSED, THERE WERE ILLEGAL INDUSTRIAL AND AGRARIAN TAKEOVERS, POLITICANS AND VILLAGERS WERE ASSASSINATED. HE CHARGED THAT FOREIGN AGENTS. SENT PRINCIPALLY BY CUBA, HAD SECRETLY BROUGHT ENOUGH DEAPONS TO CHILE TO EQUIP 20,000 MEN. HE DECLARED THAT SOVIET-MADE SIDEARMS, MACHINE GUNS, ANTITARNK GUNS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS, CAMMONS AND EXPLOSIVES HAD BEEN SHIPPED IN -- SOME PACKED AS WORKS OF ART AND SOME DISGUISED AS GIFTS FROM FIDEL CASTRO.

- 5. AT ONE POINT, TO SUPPORT CLAIM OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT, HUERTA READ TEXT OF 29 JULY 1973 HAND-URITTEN LETTER FROM CASTRO ADDRESSED TO "DEAR SALVADOR." LETTER ASSURED ALLENDE THAT CHILEAN WORKING CLASS HAD BEEN FOREWARNED AND WAS "READY FOR ACTION" IF HIS REGIME WERE THREATENED. HUERTA SAID THAT LETTER CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN POLITICS AND HER SUPPORT OF THE "ILLEGAL METHODS" OF THE ALLENDE REGIME.
- L. IN VITRIOLIC REPLY TO HUERTA, CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA CALLED HUERTA "TRAITOROUS EX-MINISTER OF ALLENDE AND SERGEANT OF SIMILAR LIES AND DISTORTIONS OF FACT CAN BE FOUND IN

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HISTORY OF NASI GERMANY, HE DECLARED. THEN, SURPRISINGLY, HE WENT ON TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO HUERTA'S CHARGES BY ADMITTING THAT CUBAN CUNS HAD IN FACT BEEN SENT INTO CHILE BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN SENT AT ALLENDE'S REQUEST. NOR DID ROA DENY THE AUTHENTICITY OF CASTRO'S LETTER TO ALLENDE WHICH HUERTA HAD PRODUCED; ROA SAID THAT THE LETTER WAS NO SECRET.

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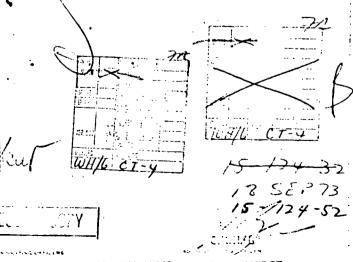
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- 2. FOUR-MAN MILITARY JUNTA THAT REVOLTED AGAINST MARXIST REGIME OF SALVADOR ALLENDE ON 12 SEPTEMBER HAS GAINED FULL CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY, WITH EXCEPTION OF POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN CAPITAL. ON 12 SEPT THERE WAS FIRGHTING IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO BETWEEN TRUPCOPS AND SNIPERS HOLED UP IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS WHERE ALLENDE SUPPORTERS WERE BARRICADED IN FACTORIES. SPORADIC FIRING AND AND MIGHT.
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 OPERATING. PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. NEWSPAPERS

 PLANNED RESIDUE LIMITED EDITIONS 13 SEPT BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CENSOR
 SHIP.
- 4. JUNTA ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT ALLENDE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN LA MONEDA AND TROOPS ENTERING THE BUILDING FOUND HIS BODY IN A DINING ROOM.
- 5. JUNTA TV PROGRAM SHOWED LARGE QUANTITIES OF SOVIET MADE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS COLLECTED AT LA EMONEDA AND AT ALLENDE RESIDENCE ON TOMAS MORO STREET AFTER FIGHTING.
- L. JUNTA EPRESIDED OVER BY GEN. AUGUSTO PINOCHET (ARMY), AN INTELLIGENT, PROFESSIONAL OFFICER WITH NO KNOWN POLITICAL TIES;

 ADMIRAL JOSE MERINO (NAVY), WHO IS INCLUINED TOWARDS NATIONAL PARTY

 (CONSTERVATIVE); GEN. GUSTAVO LEIGH (AIR FORCE), A STRONG LEADER

 WHO FORMER SUPPORTER RADICAL PARTY AND KNOWN TO DISLIKE CHRISTIAN

 DEMOCRATES; AND GENEERAL CESAR MENDOZA, (CARABINERO CHIEF) WHO HAS

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CLOSE TIES TO MILITARY AND APPARENTLY HELPED PLAN COUP.

JUNTA NAMED FOLLOWING CABINET 12 SEPT:

MINISTER OF INTERIOR - MAJ GEN OSCAR BONNILLA . (ARMY). WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENT FREI'S SENIOR MILITAURY AIDE FOR TWO YEARS.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS - REAR ADMIRAL ISMAEL HUERTA (NAVY), HIGHLY RESPECTED IN NAVY AND ONE OF INTELLECTUAL LEADERS OF COUP.

MINISTER OF ECONOMY - MAJ GEN ROLANDO GONZALEZ (ARMY). REPORTED TO BE A U.P. SUPPORTER ABOUT 1971.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION - JOSE NAVARRO TOBAR, A CIVILIAN BIOLOGY AND BOTANY PROFESSOR OF UNKNOWN POLITICS.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE - GONZALO PRIETO GANDARA, CIVILIAN LAUYER.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE - VICE ADM. PATRICIO CARVAJAL. FORMERLY CHIEF OF NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF, REPORTED INVOLVED IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AS EARLY AS 1971. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - BRIG

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GEN SERGIO FIGUEROA (AIR FORCE), REPORTED IN EARLY 1972
TO BE AMONG ANTI-U.P. AIR FORCE COLONELS.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE - COL SERGIO CRESPO (RET. AIR FORCE). AGRICULTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEER.

MINISTER OF LABOR - GEN MARIO MACKAY {CARABINEROS}, ANTI-U.P. OFFICER NAMED IN JULY AS COMMANDER IN CONCEP-CION.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH - COL ALBERTO SPOERER (AIR FORCE). FORMER CIVILIAN SURGETON DESCRIBED AS HARD WORKER.

MINISTER OF MINING - GEN ARTURO YOVANE {CARABINEROS}.

WHO WAS SCHEDULEED TO BE RETIRED BY ALLENDE IN AUGUST.

CLOSE TO MILITARY.

MINISTER OF HOUSING - BRIG GEN ARTURO VIVERO. HARD-WORKING STAFF OFFICER WHOSE PERFORMANCE UNDER PRESSURE SOMEWHAT WEAK.

SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT - COL PEDRO EUING (ARMY), DESCRIBED AS INTELLIGENT, PATRIOTIC, CONSERVATIVE.

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UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR - LTW COL ENRIQUE MONTERO (AIR FORCE) FORMER LEGAL OFFICER IN AIR FORCE. MINISTER OF LANDS AND COLONIZATION - GEN DIEGO PARRA RETIRED CARABINERO OFFICER, ON WHOM LITTLE IS KNOWN.

MINISTER OF FINANCE - REAR ADM LORENZO ORTUZAR.

LITTLE KNOWN OFFICER.

JUNTA HAS BROKEN RELATIOONS WITH CUBA AND WILL PROBABLY BOD BREAK WITH OTHER SOVIET BLOC STATES. IT WILL PROBABLY ENDEAVOR 8 STRENGTHEN TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY TIES WITH U.S. AND SEEK AID AND DEBT RELIEF FOR INTERIM.

9. JUNTA WILL PROBABLY DECLARE COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST AND SMALL LEFTIST PARTIES SUCH AS MIR ILLEGAL AND DISSOLVE CUT LABOR CONFEDERA-THEY DO NOT PLAN WORK WITH POLITICAL PARTIES BURT MAY CONSULT TION. WITH THEM. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS EXPECTED TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE JUNTA AS IS THE OTHER MAJOR OPPOSITION POLITICAL GROUP, NATIONAL PARTY. STRIBKING TRUCKERS AND PROFESSIONAL GUILDS HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH COUP AND CALLED OFF STRIKE.

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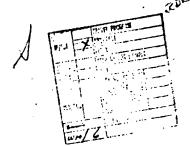
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WILLING SUPPLY SPECIAL BRIEF DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE CAREFULLY SELECTED
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OPEN TO PERSUASION AND WHOSE VIEWS WOULD CARRY
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- 1. CHIL'S IMAGE AS REFLECTED IN WEST GERMAN MEDIA COMMENTARIES HAS REACHED ALL-TIME LOW AND EVEN CONSERVATIVELY INCLINED
 OUTLETS BY AND LARGE. NO LONGER BOTHER TO TELL "THE OTHER SIDE."
 EASTERN RADIO STATIONS MAINTAIN RELENTLESS DRUMFIRE OF ANTI-CHILEAN
 PROPAGANDA AND THEPE NO APPARENT DEARTH OF INFO TO SUSTAIN
 RATHER EFFECTIVE DENIGRATION CAMPAIGN.
- 2. IN SPITE OF DISMAL AUSPICES TO TURN TIDE, (UNLESS JUNTA DECIDES TO SHOW SOME DECENT REGARD FOR OPINIONS OF MANKIND), WE CAN STILL PROMOTE FAIRER UNDERSTANDING OF IMPERATIVES OF CHILEAN SITUATION TO WHICH JUNTA APPARENTLY FEELS IMPELLED TO RESPOND. TOWARD THAT END. REQUIRE SOME TYPE OF OBJECTIVE APPRAISAL OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND OF PREDICTABLE TRENDS.
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WHICH BASED ON LATEST INFO AVAILABLE LOCALLY. PARA 31
"...CENTRAL BANK DEVALUED THE ESCUDO FOR IMPORTS/EXPORTS BY
SLIGHTLY OVER 120 PERCENT IN AN EFFORT TO CURB IMPORT DEMAND,
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BROUGHT INFLATION FOR THE YEAR TO 526 PERCENT..." (FOR DIRECTOR:
WHILE PREVIOUS ESTIMATES BY BOTH EMBASSY AND IMP IN NOVEMBER
PLACED INFLATION FOR THE KEAR AT PROBABLY BETWEEN 750 AND 820
PERCENT, THE END-OF-THE-YEAR FIGURE OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL
INSTITUTE WAS 506:1 SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 0173
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- L. FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN

 CHILE AT BEGINNING OF 1974 MAY BE USEFUL FOR ORAL BRIEFINGS OF LOCAL

 GOVERNMENT AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS UNO INTERESTED IN CHILE AND MARKET OF LOCAL

 STIPULATION NO FURTHER EXPLOITATION.
- THE OUTLOOK FOR CHILE IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTINISTIC. THE NEW TO MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS AVOIDED MAJOR INTERNAL CONFLICTS WAND HAS APPLIED MOVED AGGRESSIVELY TO REORGANIZE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MORE WITH COTTON OF THE EXCESSES OF NEARLY THREE YEARS OF DECAPITALIZATION UNDER STATE SOCIALISM. ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH AUSTERE, ARE SOUND AND OFFER A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERY AND GROUTH OF THE CHILEAN ECONOMY. THE STRICT SECURITY MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE JUNTA HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING ANY LARGE-SCALE VIOLENCE OR TERRORISM AND ARE LIKELY TO BE CONTINUED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
- 3. THE JUNTA MOVED QUICKLY AFTER THE COUP OF 11 SEPTEMBER TO REMOVE PRICE CONTROLS ON ALL BUT 30 BASIC COMMODITIES, UHILE THE

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PROGRAM PROPOSED BY AN IMF TEAM WHICH VISITED CHILE IN LATE 1974.

THIS PROGRAM CALLS FOR TIGHTER FEDERAL SPENDING AND FOR LIMITING

INFLATION TO 100% IN 1974. THIS IMF PROGRAM IS FEASIBLE BUT MAY

BE SOMEWHAT OVER-OPTIMISTIC. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE WORLD-WIDE ENERGY

CRISIS WILL SOON FORCE CHILE TO RAISE FUEL PRICES. THUS EXACCER
BATING THE PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING INFLATION. ADHERENCE TO THE IMF

PROPOSAL HAS. HOWEVER. IMPROVED CHILE'S CUREDIT RATING. AS HAS THE

SIGNING OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ON CHILE'S

1971-1972 DEBT. CHILE IS THUS IN A RELATIVELY GOOD POSITION FOR

THE OPENING OF THE PARIS CLUB TALKS IN FEBRUARY. THE MASSIVE \$44

BILLION DOLLAR FOREIGN DEBT. HOWEVER. WILL CAUSE CHILE BALANCE OF

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- 7. COPPER PRODUCTION HAS ALREADY INCREASED MORE THAN 50% OVER LAST YEAR'S LEVEL AND PRODUCTION WILL PROBABLY REACH A RECORD 750,000 TONS IN 1974 DESPITE SPORADIC SHORTAGES OF SPARE PARTS AND SERVICEABLE VEHICLES. FARM OUTPUT, HOWEVER, IS NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER FULLY UNTIL THE 1974/75 HARVEST SO THAT AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY GRAIN, WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DRAIN ON CHILE'S FOREIGN RESERVES.
- FOREIGN EQUITY AND HAS LINED UP SUFFICIENT FOREIGN CREDITS TO
 ENABLE IT TO PURCHASE CAPITAL GOODS AND FINANCE THE CURRENT PAY—
 MENTS GAP. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN TO SETTLE OUT—
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 TIONS, STATING THAT IT WILL EITHER RETURN INTERVENED FIRMS TO THE
 PRIVATE SECTOR, OR AS IN THE CASE OF LARGE COPPER MINES, ADEQUATELY
 COMPENSATE PREVIOUS OUNERS. FORMER PRIVATE BANKS WILL ALSO BE
 RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER OUMERS, BUT PRODABLY WITH SOME FORMULA
 INVOLVING WORKER PARTICIPATION IN BANK MANAGEMENT. THERE ARE ALSO
 STRONG INDICATIONS OF RENEWED INVESTOR CONFIDENCE, AND PRIVATE

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- MENT OF EXCHANGE RATE HAS PRACTICALLY ELINIMATED THE ONCE FLOURISHING DLACK MARKETS IN COMMODITIES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HOWEVER, THE
 BURDEN OF AUSTERITY ON CHILEAN CONSUMERS HAS BEEN HEAVY. DESPITE
 HEALTHY INCREASES IN WAGES AND RENEWED CONFIDENCE BY BUSINESSMEN,
 WORKING CLASS CONSUMERS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AFFORD THE BAREST
 NECESSITIES, AND WORKING CLASS LABOR IS TAKING A WAIT AND SEE
 ATTITUDE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE TO THE JUNTA
 OR ITS PROGRAMS. SOME POLITICAL FACTIONS, PARTICULARLY THE
 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) ARE GRUMBLING, BUT THIS DISSATISFACTION IS LARGELY DUE TO GOMERNMENT EFFORTS TO SET UP NEW HONPOLITICAL-PARTY MECHANISMS FOR REACHING THE PUBLIC.
- AG. GOVERNMENT "RECESSING" OF CONGRESS AND ALL POLITICAL

 PARTIES HAS CREATED A POLITICAL VACUUM IN CHILE. THE GOVERNMENT,

 UNICH HOLDS THE POLITICAL PARTIES LAURGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILE'S

 CURRENT PLIGHT, IS TRYING TO FILL THIS VOID BY AN INTENSE USE OF

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CIVILIAN ADVISERS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. THIS

PHENOMENON IS MOST APPARENT IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC POLICY AND IN

SUCH TECHNICAL FIELDS AS PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING. THE IMPORTANCE

OF THE GROUP OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS HEADED BY RAUL SAEZ, FOR EXAMPLE

IS WELL KNOWN. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS AN ADVISORY BOARD

DIOMINATED BY THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, WHILE THE MINISTRY OF

HOUSING'S BOARD IS LARGELY CONTROLLED BY THE ORGANIZATION REPRESENT
ING PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION FIRMS. SIMILARLY, ALMOST EVERY MINISTRY

AND MANY AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES HAVE PERMANENT CIVILIAN ADVISORY

BOARDS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPS WHOSE WELFARE IS

AFFECTED BY THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES.

LARGE NUMBER OF "STUDY COMMISSIONS" THROUGH WHICH CIVILIANS CAN
EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE. BEST KNOWN OF THESE IS THE GROUP IF INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS WHICH IS DRAFTING A NEW CONSTITUTION, BUT THERE
ARE OTHER GROUPS WORKING ON A NEW MINING CODE, STUDYING THE EDUCATIONAL SHYSTEM, COLLECTING INFORMATION ON WHENMISSION WRITING A
STATUTE FOR WORKER PARTICIPATION IN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND

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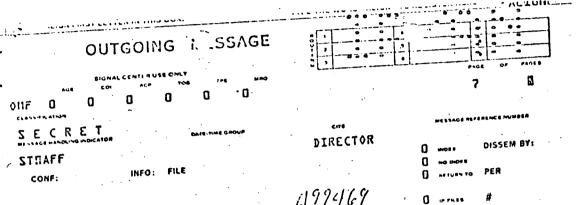
NENT POSITIONS, MOST CIVILIAN ADVISERS ARE EITHER CONSERVATIVE OR APOLITICAL. LACK OF MORE WIDESPREAD PARTICIPATION BY CHRISTIAN BEHOCRATS MAY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY SINCE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING WORKERS, CAMPESINOS AND POBLADORES (WHICH FORMERLY SUPPORTED EITHER THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) OR THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT) ARE SO FAR INADEQUATELY REPRESENTED ON ADVISORY COUNCILS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED UNITS ADDRESSED TO YOUTH, WOMEN, GUILDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC GROUPS IN THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT, AND HOPES THAT THESE WILL SERVE AS VEHICLES FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-PEOPLE COMMUNICATION.

13. THE JUNTA LEADERS VIEW WITH DISTRUST ALL PDC EFFORTS TO WIN NEW POLITICAL ADHERENTS FROM THE WORKING CLASSES WHICH FORMERLY SUPPORTED ALLENDE'S UP COALITION AND REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT THE PDC IS NOT RESPECTING THE POLITICAL RECESS. THE JUNTA IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PDC'S LEFT WING PARE:

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14. ONE PROBLEM OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE JUNTA IS THE POSSIBILITY
THAT PERU MAY ATTACK CHILE SOME TIME PRIOR TO 1979, THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU, IN ORDER TO REGAIN
SOME OF THE TERRITORY LOST IN THAT WAR. THE CHILEANS ARE WORRIED BY
THE SOVIET SALE OF ARMS TO PERU AND FEAR THAT THE USSR MAY BE TRYING TO CREATE ANOTHER UNSTABLE MIDDLE EAST TYPE OF CLIMATE IN
LATIN AMERICA.

15. THE JUNTA IS ALSO CONCERNED BY COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO CREATE INTERNAL DISCONTENT AND TO MOUNT AN INTERNAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

THE JUNTA EXPECTS THAT THE FORNER UP PARTIES, LED BY THE COMMUNISTS, WILL SET UP A UNIFIED FRONT FOR CAUSING CIVILIAN DISTURBANCES AND POLITICAL DISCONTENT, AND UILL TRY TO MANIPULATE THE PEDC INTO OPPOSING THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT. THO FRONTS FOR CHILEAN RESISTANCE ARE BEING ORGANIZED IN ARGENTINA AND SEVERAL ARE BEING SET UP IN EUROPE.

14. DESPITE THE FROSLENS NOTED ABOVE, THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT IS

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IN FIRM CONTROL IN CHILE AND HAS MADE IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS IN REORGANIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND IN ENLISTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ITS PROGRAMS. PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT ARE THE BEST UHICH COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED FROM A COUNTRY WHOSE ENTIRE ECONOMY WAS A SHAMBLES IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

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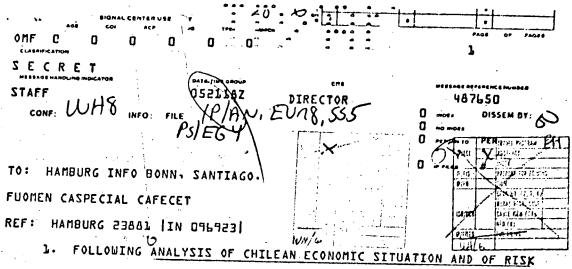
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FACTORS INVOLVED IN MAKING INVESTMENTS IN CHILE PREPARED FOR PASSAGE TO HERMES BANK PER REF PARA 1 REQUEST.

- A. THE RULING JUNTA IN CHILE IS MOVING AGGRESSIVELY TO REBUILD THE ECONOMY BY ADOPTING A HARSH AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND INSTITUTING POLICIES DESIGNED TO RETURN CHILE TO A MARKET ECONOMY.
- B. SANTIAGO MOVED QUICKLY AFTER THE COUP TO REMOVE PRICE CONTROLS ON ALL BUT 30 BASIC COMMODITIES, WHILE THE CENTRAL BANK EFFECTIVELY DEVALUED THE ESCUDO BY SOME LOW IN AN EFFORT TO CURB IMPORT DEMAND AND EASE PRESSURES ON SANTIAGO'S MEAGER FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVBES. AS A RESULT, CHILE'S COST OF LIVING JUMPED 88% IN OCTOBER, BRINGING INFLATION TO NEARLY 450% FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR. ANTICIPATED PRICE RISES DURING THE REST OF 1973 IS EXPECTED TO PUSH INFLATION TO SOME 750% FOR THE YEAR.
 - C. THE ELIMINATION OF PRICE CONTROLS AND ADJUSTMENT OF

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EXCHANGE RATES HAS PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED THE ONCE FLOURISHING BLACK MARKETS IN COMMODITIES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE. WHILE EXCHANGE RATES CHANGED AND PRICES ROSE. THE GROWTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY HAS BEEN SHARPLY CURTAILED. CAUSING A RELATIVE SCARCITY OF LOCAL CURRENCY AND A LIQUIDITY CRUNCH FOR BUSINESSMEN.

- D. THE BURDEN ON CONSUMERS HAS BEEN HEAVY. DESPITE A HEALTHY INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE, WORKING CLASS CONSUMERS ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO AFFORD THE BAREST NECESSITIES. AUSTERITY HAS BEEN EXACERBATED IN MANY CASES BY DISMISSALS OF RELATIVELY UNPRODUCTIVE AND POLITICALLY SUSPECT EMPLOYEES HIRED UNDER THE ALLENDE REGIME. AN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AND AN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.
- E. THE JUNTA IS ATTEMPTING TO ENLIST PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND BUSINESS IS SHOWING RENEWED CONFIDENCE.

 CONSUMERS AND LABOR, HOWEVER, ARE TAKING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE. NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE TO THE JUNTA OR ITS PROGRAMS HAS MATERIALIZED, EVEN THOUGH SOME POLITICAL FACTIONS ARE GRUMBLING AND PREDICTING

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FAILURE FOR THE JUNTA.

F. CHILE STILL FACES LARGE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DEFICITS
IN BOTH 1973 AND 1974 EVEN IF DEBT-REPAYMENTS ARE RESCHEDULED IN BOTH
YEARS. WITH A MASSIVE &4 BILLION FOREIGN DEBT HANGING OVER SANTIAGO'S
HEAD, IT WILL AT LEAST BE SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE CHILE'S BALANCE-OFPAYMENTS POSITION IMPROVES SIGNIFICANTLY.

- G. HOWEVER, COPPER PRODUCTION HAS ALREADY INCREASED MORE THAN 50% ABOVE LAST YEAR'S LEVEL AS A RESULT OF A 9% LENGTHENING OF THE WORK WEEK AND IMPROVED MINE MANAGEMENT. PRODUCTION WILL PROBABLY REACH A RECORD 750,000 TONS NEXT YEAR DESPITE CONTINUING SHORTAGES OF SPARE PARTS AND SERVICEABLE VEHICLES.
- H. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS CONTINUE TO BE THE LARGEST DRAIN ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND THE RECOVERY OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION IS A PRIORITY OBJECTIVE OF THE JUNTA. FARM OUTPUT, HOWEVER, IS NOT EXPECTED TO FULLY RECOVER UNTIL THE 1974/75 HARVEST SINCE MOST CROPS ALREADY ARE PLANTED AND ARE WELL INTO THEIR GROWING SEASONS. THUS, CHILE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPORT GRAIN IN LARGE QUANTITIES DURING 1974.
 - I. ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEMS OF ADEQUATE SHORT RUN SUPPLIES

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QUICKLY, LONG RUN GROWTH WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON CHILE'S ABILITY TO

ATTRACT ADEQUATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT: ATTRACTION OF SUBSTANTIAL NEW

INVESTMENT WILL DEPEND ON THE JUNTA'S ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD

FAITH IN THE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN EQUITY AS THEIR ABILITY TO INSTILL

CONFIDENCE IN CHILE'S PROSPECTS FOR STABLE RECOVERY AND GROWTH. A

CRITICAL FIRST STEP IS TIMELY SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING COMPENSEATION

CLAIMS EMANATING FROM THE ALLENDE NATIONALIZATIONS. THE JUNTA HAS

STATED THAT IT WILL EITHER RETURN INTERVENED FIRMS TO THE PRIVATE

SECTOR OR, AS IN THE CASE OF THE LARGE COPPER MINES, ADEQUATELY

COMPENSATE THE PREVIOUS OWNERS. SOME 90 FIRMS ARE ALREADY IN THE

PROCESS OF REVERSION.

J. THUS FAR THE JUNTA HAS SUCCEEDED IN LINING UP SUFFICIENT FOREIGN CREDITS TO ENABLE IT TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL CAPITAL
GOODS AND FINANCE THE CURRENT PAYMENTS GAP. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE
STRONG INDICATIONS OF RENEWED INVESTOR CONFICENCE, AND PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHILE IS EXPECTED TO GROW DRAMATICALLY DURING THE
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THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR CHIBLE IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTI-MISTIC AS THE JUNTA TAKES STEPS TO CORRECT THE EXCESSES OF NEARLY THREE YEARS OF DECAPITALIZATION UNDER STATE SOCIALISM. THE PROGRAMS. THOUGH AUSTERE, ARE ECONOMICALLY SOUND AND OFFER A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERY AND GROWTH OF THE CHILEAN ECONOMY. THE MAJOR POLICY CONFLICTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT APPEAR TO BE OVER THE DEGREE AND TIMING OF SPECIFIC MEASURES RATHER THAN PROBLEMS OF BASIC POLICY ORIENTATION.

- L. THE EMERGING DOMINANCE OF RAUL SAEZ AS SENSOR ECONOMIC ADVISOR IS PROBABLY FOR THE BEST SINCE THE JUNTA'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM MUST BE TEMPERED IF POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND STABILITY IS TO BE ACHIEVED. MEANWHILE, CHILE IS PREPARING TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING COMPENSATION ISSUES AND COMPLETE BILATERAL NE-GOTIATIONS ON 1971/72 DEBT SERVICE IN ACCORD WITH THE 1972 PARIS CLUB AGREEMENTS. TIMELY RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES WILL GO FAR IN IMPROVING INVESTOR AND CREDITOR CONFIRMENCE IN CHILE.
- 2. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SUGGESTED TO ELICIT HERMES' VIEWS ON CHILE'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AS REQUESTED PARA 3 REF.

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HOW MUCH AND WHAT KINDS OF PRIVATE DIRECT FOREIGN IN-VESTMENT FROM GERMAN AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN SOURCES IS EXPECTED TO ENTER CHILE DURING NEXT 12 MONTHS?

- B. DO BANK OFFICIALS EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE AND/OR OFFICIAL GERMAN CREDITS TO BE EXTENDED TO CHILE DURING NEXT 12 MONTHS? WHAT TYPES OF CREDITS WOULD THESE BE. I.E. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, TIED AND UNTIED TRADE CREDITS?
- C. DO BANK OFFICIALS SEE THE WIDESPREAD ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION IN EUROPE TO THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AS SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTING FUTURE INVESTMENT AND AID DECISIONS FOR CHILE?
- 3. HERMES' REACTION TO ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WILL BE OF INTEREST.
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- 1. FOLLOWING INFO CLEARED FOR ORAL FUOMEN BRIEFINGS, STIPU-LATION NO FURTHER EXPLOITATION. SOURCE: CHILEAN CITIZEN RESIDING TH LIMA.
- 2. SUBJECT: OPOSSIBLE SUPPORT BY LATIN AHERICAN COMMUNIST PARTIES FOR RESISTANCE IN CHILE.
- 3. BACKGROUND: IT WAS BUIDDINGTED IN AN EARLIER BRIEFING CRUFF THAT SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU (PCP/SOVIET) INTENDED TO SERVE AS A RECEPTION POINT FOR GUERRILLA FIGHTERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WOULD ENTER CHILE FROM PERU TO JOIN ANY RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN CHILE.
- 4. THE FIRST WORD OF CHILEAN COUP WAS RECEIVED BY PCP/SOVIET FROM CHILEAN EMBASSY IN LIMA. CENTRAL COMMITTEE CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING WHEN IT APPEARED THAT EVENTS IN CHILE WERE GOING AGAINST

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ALLEMEE REGIME. UNILE WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW, CENTRAL COMMUTTEE DECIDED TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES SUCH AS SENDING SIX ORGANIZERS INTO CHILE. THESE ORGANIZERS WERE MEMBERS OF PERUVIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH, WHO USED PASSPORTS OBTAINED EARLIER FROM CHILEAN EMBASSY IN CASE OF SUCH AN EMERGENCY. PASSPORTS WERE LEGITIMATE, BUT DATA IN THEM, INCLUDING NAMES, WERE FALSE. THE PERUVIANS WERE TO CROSS INTO CHILE AT THE TACMA/ARICA BORDER POINT AND WERE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NUMBER OF BOLIVIANS AND BRAZILIANS.

S. ON LS SEPTEMBER, TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN WHO WERE LATIN
AMERICANS BUT NOT PERUVIANS BROUGHT TO PCP/SOVIET HEADQUARTERS
ENSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION CCPSU).
INSTRUCTIONS WERE DELIVERED TO MEMBERS OF PCP/SOVIET CENTRAL
COMMITTEE AND IMMEDIATELY DISCUSSED BY PARTY LEADERS INCLUDING
JORGE DEL PRADO CHAVEZ CPCP/SOVIET SEC GEND, FELIX ARIAS SCHREIBER
CPCP/SOVIET POLITICAL COMMISSION MEMBER). GUILLERMO HERRERA
MONTESINOS CALSO MEMBER OF PCP/SOVIET POLITICAL COMMISSION). AND
ONE OF THE TWO COURIERS DELIVERING THE INSTRUCTIONS (**) WHO USED
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THETE COUNTERPARTS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH). INITIAL LESTRUCTIONS TO PCP/ZOVIET MEMBERS WERE TO ARRANGE FOR LODGING FOR MEMBERS OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTIES WHO WERE ARRIVING IN LINA, TO OBTAIN MAPS OF CHILE, FALSE DOCUMENTATION, ETC.

G. SECOND STAGE OF SUPPORT TO CHILE WAS TO BEGIN DURING WEEK OF 29 SEPTEMBER WHEN COMMUNISTS AND OTHERS WERE TO ARRIVE FROM COMMUNISTS.

VEHEZUELA, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, CUBA AND OTHER YOU ALL WERE TO BE LODGED IN LIMA, AND, LATER, GIVEN FALSE DOCUMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION TO CHILEAN BORDER. THEIR PRINCIPAL TASK IN CHILE WAS TO ASSIST IN REORGANIZATION OF PCCH FOLLOWING COUP D'ETAT, AS WELL AS IN PRODUCTION OF CLAMPESTINE PROPAGANDA. THEY ALSO WERE TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF AIDING IN MOUNTING CONCERTED ARMED RESISTANCE TO MILITARY REGINE, PRINCIPALLY THROUGH WEADIN GUERRILLA WARFARE. THERE WAS NO MEED TO SEND ARMS, SINCE THERE STILL ENOUGH WEAPONS HIDDEN IN CHILE TO MAKE SUCH RISK WHRECESSARY.

7. CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN COMMUNISTS WERE TO MEET IN LIMA ON 25 SEPTEMBER TO CONSIDER SENDING PERSONS TO CHILE TO ORGANIZE ALE:

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GUERRILLA GROUPS THERE AND TO AID CHILEAN COMMUNISTS. SOME DELEGATED TO MELTING ARRIVED EARLY IN ORDER ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING OF INTER-MATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION CILOD WHICH BEGAN 19 SEPT. JUAN CAMPOS CAMPOS, CHILEAN, SECRETARY FORLATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS OF WORLD FEDER-ATION OF TRADE UNIONS CUFTUD, WHO IS IN LIMA FOR ILO MEETING, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ON 18 SEPTEMBER DURING WHICH HE CALLED ON ALL WORLD TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS TO MOUNT PUBLIC OPINION CRUSADE AGAINST CHILEAN JUNTA.

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I. IN GENERAL TERMS BUSINESSES LEGALLY NATIONNALIZED SUCH AS COPPER COMPANIES, BANKS AND ITT HAVE BECOME GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND UILL NOT BE RETURNED, WHILE BUSINESSES UNICH WERE INTERVENED.

THEIR FORMER OWNERS. THE SAME GENERAL CRITERIA APPLY TO PROPERTY:

LARGE FARMS LEGALLY EXPROPRIATED WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THEIR

FORMER OWNERS, WHILE FARMS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED PROBABLY WILL BE

RETURNED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TO CUR KNOWLEDGE NO

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- 1. PARA 3B REF B STATES PROPERTIES IN "SOCIAL AREA" WHICH HAVE BECOME QUOTE LEGAL UNQUOTE PROPERTY OF GOVT WILL NOT BE RETURNED OWNERS, REF C REDUESTED IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC PROPERTIES INVOLVED. NOT CLEAR FROM REF & WHETHER EXPROPRIATED AND REQUISITIONED PROPERTIES CONSIDERED QUOTE LEGAL UNQUOTE PROPERTIES OF GOVT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS PARA 3B REF B. IN OTHER WORDS. WHAT IF ANY FIRMS IN SOCIAL AREA HAVE NOT BECOME LEGAL PROPERTY OF GOVERNMENT AND WHAT FIRMS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER OR INTERVENED WITHOUT BECOMING LEGAL PROPERTY OF GOVERNMENT.
- 2. PLS CLARIFY AND IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF FIRMS INVOLVED.

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- L. "SOCIAL AREA" IS TERM OFOR STATE-CONTROLLED SECTOR OF ECONOMY. STATE CONTROL OVER WIDE VARIETY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED DURING ALLENDE REGIME. THROUGH PURCHASES. EXPROPRIATIONS, REQUISITIONS, AND INTERVENTIONS OF PRIVATE SECTOR ENTERPRISES, THE GOC BY MID-1973 HAD CONTROL OVER TO PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES ACCOUNTING FOR ALMOST HALF OF CHILE'S GDP, COMPARED TO AN ESTIMATED 20% AT EACH END OF THE FREI ADMINISTRATION IN
- 2. SINCE TAKING OFFICE, ALLENDE GOVT HAD TAKEN OVER AT
 LEAST 400 FIRMS. THE EXECUTIVE HAD SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON VARIOUS
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- 2. SUBJECT: PREMARKS BY CUBAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN MEXICO AFTER THE 11 SEPTEMBER COUP D'ETAT IN CHILE.
- 3. SHORTLY AFTER THE COUP D'ETAT IN CHILE, A CUBAN ENBASSY OFFICER UHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CUBAN DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (DGI) IN MEXICO SAID THAT THE CUBAN GOVT WAS IMPRESSED BUILTH THE GOOD ORGANIZATION OF CHILEAN MILITARY'S SUCCESSFUL OVERRTHROW OF THE ALLENDE REGIME ON LL SEPTEMBER.
- HE SAID THE CUBAN GOVT AND CUBAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO WERE NOT SURPRISED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ATTEMPT AGAINST THE ALLENDE GOVT WAS MADE UBECAUSE THEY HAD LONG PERCEIVED THAT ALLENDE, WHILE A GOOD MARXIST, LACKED SUFFICIENT AGGRESSIVENESS TOWARD HIS ENEMBES.
- S. HE SAID THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAD PLANS PREPARED

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IN CASE OF ALLENDE OVERTHROW. LONG BEFORE 11 SEPTEMBER CUBAN EMBASSY BEGAN DISTRIBUTING LATEST MODEL AUTOMATIC LEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, AND EVEN ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO CHILEAN WORKER CADRES WITH WHOM CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD BEEN WORKING FOR LONG TIME. MUNITIONS ALSO HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO CUBAN CADRES IN CHILE WITHO HAD BEEN ACTIVE AMONG WORKERS. IT IS THEY WHO NOW MUST BEAR MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING THE INEVITABLE COUNTER-COUP AGAINST MILITARY JUNTA. THIS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TIME AND TRAINING.

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- 2. SUBJECT: DMEETING IN LIMA OF LATIN AMERICAN SUBBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE PLANS TO SEND MILITANTS TO CHILE.
- 3. ON OR ABOUT 22 SEPTEMBER A MEETING IS TO BE HELD IN LIMA BROOF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMBERICAN SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PLANS TO SEND MILITANTS TO CHILE TO ORGANIZE GUERRILLA GROUPS AND TO HELP CHILEAN COMMUNISTS.
- THE PRO-SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU IS DISCUSSING THE

 POSSIBILITY OF SENDING GROUPS TO CHILE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE ANY

 CHILEANS WHO ARE STILL OFFERING RESISTANCE TO THE NEW MILITARY JUNTA.

 THE PARTY INTENDS TO SERVE AS A RECEPTION POINT FOR GUEPRRILLA

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 - 2. SUBJECT: ECONOMIC PLANS OF CHELEAR MILITARY JUNEA.
- 3. ON 15 SEPTEMBER GENERAL SERGIO NUNO, MINISTER VICE PRESIDENT OF CHILEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CORFO), OUTLINED MILITARY JUNTA'S ECONOMIC PLANS AS FOLLOWS:
- A. ALL OF FIRMS AND COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BEEN BITHER TAKEN OVER OR INTERVENED BUT WHICH ARE NOT LEGALLY OWNED BY GOVERNMENT, WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL OWNERS;
- B. THOSE PROPERTIES IN "SOCIAL AREA" WHICH HAVE BECOME LEGAL PROPERTY OF GOVT WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO PREVIOUS OWNERS. NUNO SAID HE BELIEVES THAT A GIVEN PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THESE PROPERTIES, PERHAPS AS MUCH AS 40 OR SOX, SHOULD BE SOLD AS SHARES TO THE WORKERS, AND REMAINING PERCENTAGE SHOULD BE SOLD AS SHARES TO THE PUBLIC.

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5. GENERAL NUNO SAID THAT CORFO HAS IN EFFECT ASSUMED THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. GENERAL NUNO, AND CORFO WILL WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (SOFOFA), WHICH HAS APPOINTED EUGENIO HEIREMANS AS WEOFOFA COORDINATOR WITH CORFO.

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ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1973 FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I. A LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). TOLD OTHER PDC LEADERS THAT HE CONSIDERED IT WISEST FOR HIM TO LEAVE CHILE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND FOR HIM TO REMAIN ABROAD UNTIL THE DIRECTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT BECOME CLEARER AND THE SECURITY

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- 3. FREI SAID THAT WHILE HE IS CONSIDERING LEAVING THE COUNTRY OF HIS OWN WILL, HE WOULD PREFER TO BE REQUESTED TO LEAVE BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS POLITICAL FUTURE. HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. AND HE WOULD PREFER THAT HIS DEPARTURE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE

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 - 2. FOR DIRECTOR: OFFICIAL MEXICAN GOVT POLICY IS COMPLETE SYMPATHY FOR ALLENDE. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MET MRS. ALLENDE AT AIRPORT 16 SEPT AND HAD ALREADY DECREED THREE DAYS OF OFFICIAL MEARNING FOR DEATH OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE 17-19 SEPT. UNLESS WE CAN GET INFORMATION ON TRUE FACTS IN CHILE TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DIRECTLEMN, THE LITTLE MEDIA PLAY WHICH MEXICO CITY PRESENTLY CAPABLE OF MUSTERING WILL BE LOST IN AVALANCHE OF SPONTANEOUS, PLANTED AND GOVT APPROVED PRO-ALLENDE MATERIAL APPEARING LOCALLY. THE CONSENSUS OF MANY MEXICANS IS THAT THE U.S. AND CIA IN PARTICULAR MASTERMINDED THE COUP.
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CON INNEGABLE SACRIFICIO Y ABNEGATION, LAS FUERZAS

ARMADAS HAS CUMPLIDO SU PAPEL DE SALVAGUARDIA ULTIMA DE LA

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DE AQUELLA MAYORIZ CUIDADANA QUE, EN TODOS LOS TONOS, HA PEDIDO

UNA HONDA RECTIFICACION:

EL GUEBRANTAMIENTO CONSTITUCIONAL PROVOCADO POR EL MARXISMO
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LOS DESTINOS DE LA NACION, PERO EL DRAMATICO FRACASO DE LA UNIDAD
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HA ASUMIDO EL MANDO SUPREMO. RESPETANDO EXPRESAMENTE LAS ATRIBUCIONES DEL PODER JUDICIAL, CONTANDO CON LA ASESORIA DE LA
CONTRALORIA GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA Y DISPONIENDO EL RECESO DEL
PARLAMENTO. DE ESTE MODO LA JUNTA CREE ENCONTRAR EL CAMINO
ADECUADO PARA INSTAURAR LA INSTITUCIONALIDAD QUE SE REQUIERE.

LAS RESERVAS QUE ESTA POSICION DE LA JUNTA PUEDAN INSPIRAR

A CIERTOS SECTORES POLÍTICOS NO PUEDEN SER TAN ABSOLUTAS QUE

LLEGUEN MASTA NEGAR EL CONCURSO DE TODOS LOS CHILENOS AL ESFUERZO

DE RECONSTRUCCION DE SU PATRIA. POR EL CONTRARIO, A TRAVES

DE LA JUNTA. ES CHILE MISMO EL QUE JUEGA LA CARTA DEFINITIVA

PARA TRIUNFAR DEL ODIO. DE LA DESUNION, DEL DESALIENTO Y DE LA

DECADENCIA. LA LABOR IMPONE LA ACCION DE TODAS LAS CAPACIDADES

Y LA COLABORACION DE TODA LA CUIDADANIA, ESPECIALMENTE DE

AQUELLOS CHILENOS QUE POR SU INDIFERENTISMO, SU INDECISION,

SU EGOISMO G SU PEREZA HAN GENERADO LAS CONDICIONES QUE PER
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B. EXPRESO PRESIDENTE DE CORTE SUPREMA -- COMPLACENCIA DEL PODER JUDICIAL.

EL PRESIDENTE DE LA CORTE SUPREME, ENRIQUE URRUTIA MANZANO; ENTREGO LA SIGUIENTE DECLARACION:

"EL PRESIDENTE DE LA CORTE SUPREMA, EN CONOCIMIENTO DEL PROPOSITO DEL NUEVO GOBIERNO DE RESPETAR Y HACER CUMPLIR LAS DECISIONES DEL PODER JUDICIAL SIN EXAMEN PROVIO DE SU LEGALIDAD, COMO LO ORDENA EL ARTÍCULO 11 DEL CODIGO ORGANICO DE TRIBUNALES. MANIFIESTA PUBLICAMENTE POR ELLO SU MAS INTIMA COMPLACENCIA EN NOMBRE DE LA ADMINISTRACION DE JUSTICIA DE CHILE. Y ESPERA QUE EL PODER JUDICIAL COMPLA CON SU DEBER. COMO LO HA HECHO LASTA

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C. ACTIVIDADES DE FF.AA. Y CARABINEROS -
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PERSONAS.

REDUCCION DE EXTREMISTAS.

INCAUTACION DE ARMAS EN INDUSTRIAS E INSTITUCIONES BANCARIAS. Control de la moneda, tomas moro y "Canaveral" en el arrayan.

CIENTO CINCUENTA CUBANOS EXTREMISTAS FUERON EXPULSADOS

AYER DEL PAÍS POR LA JUNTA MILITAR DE GOBIERNO, SEGUN EL BANDO

NO. 26 QUE DETALLA LAS ACTIVADES PRINCIPALES DESARROLLADAS POR

LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS Y CARABINEROS EN LAS ULTIMAS HORAS EN LA

GUARNICION DE SANTIAGO.

LA COMUNICACION SENALA QUE FUE ALLANADA LA UNIVERSIDAD
TECNICA DEL ESTADO. DONDE SE RINDIERON 600 PERSONAS, Y SE
ENCONTRO GRAN CANTIDAD DE ARMAMENTO, ASI COMO INDUSTRIAS,
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